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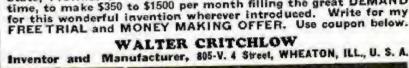
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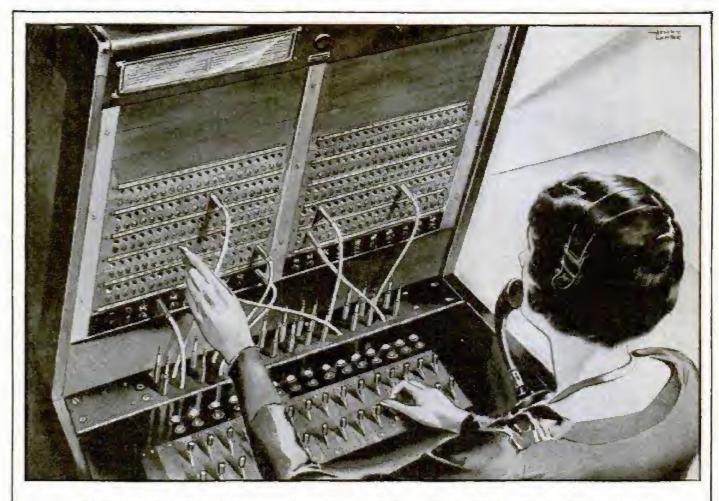
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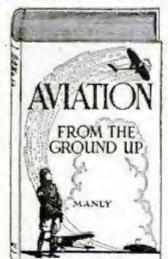
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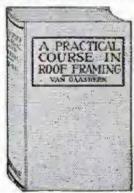


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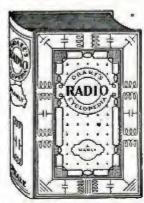
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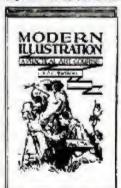
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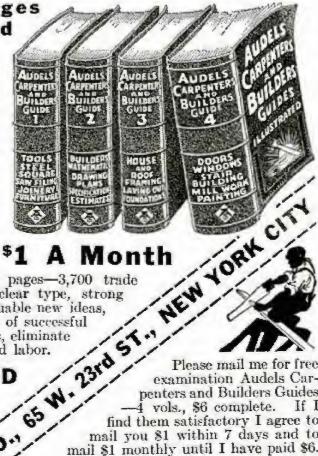
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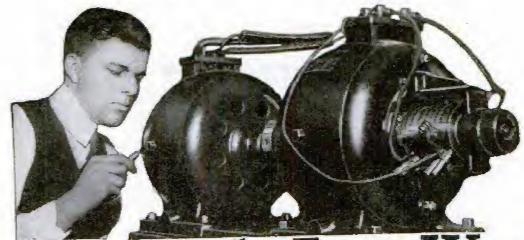


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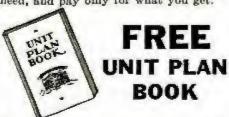
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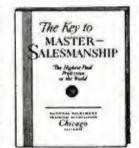
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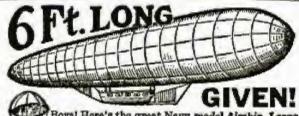
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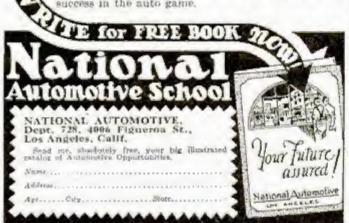
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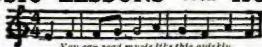


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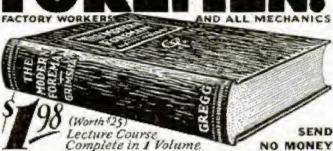
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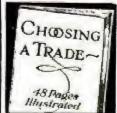
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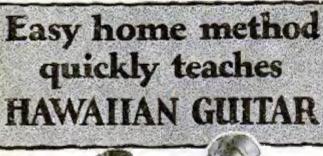
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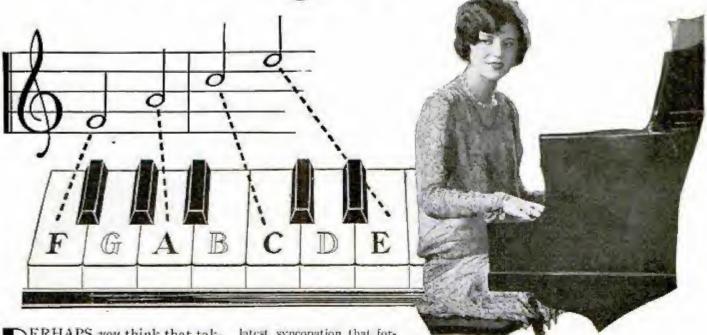
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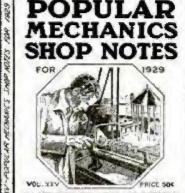
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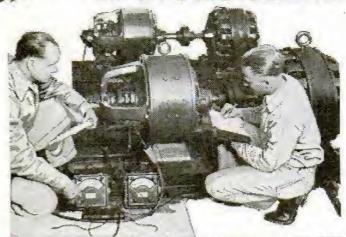
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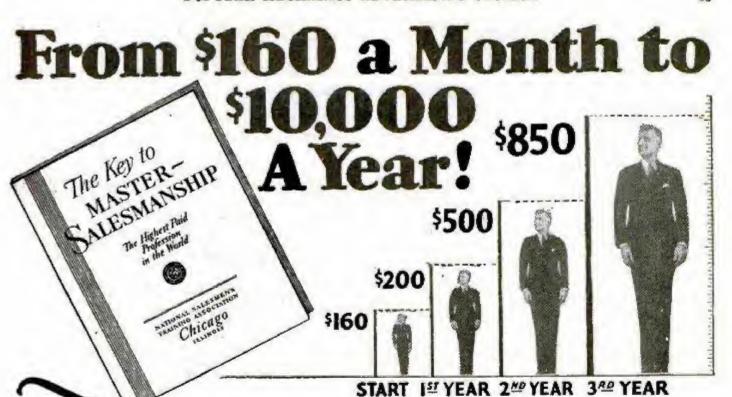
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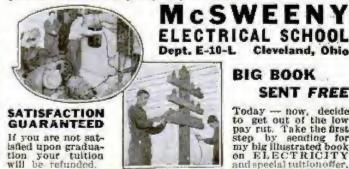
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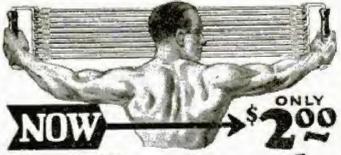
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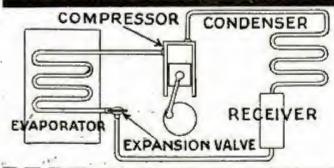
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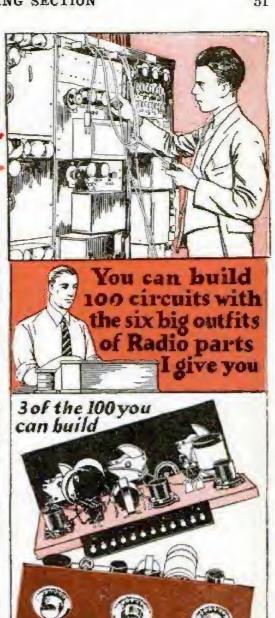
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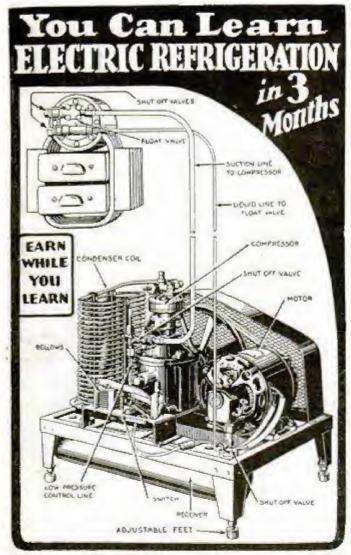
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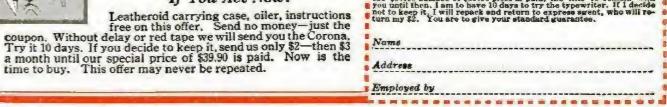
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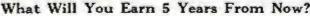
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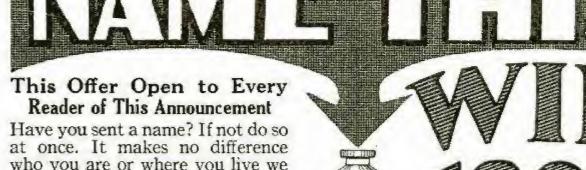
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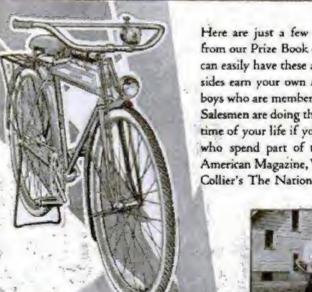
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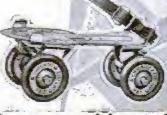


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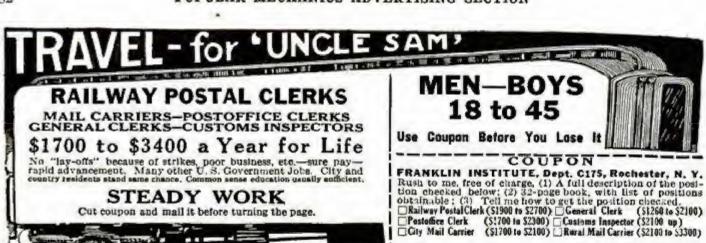
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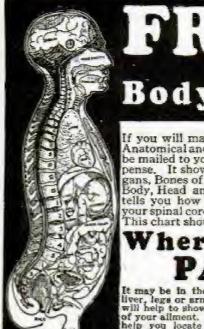
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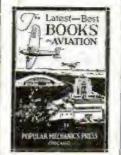
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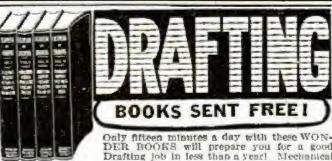
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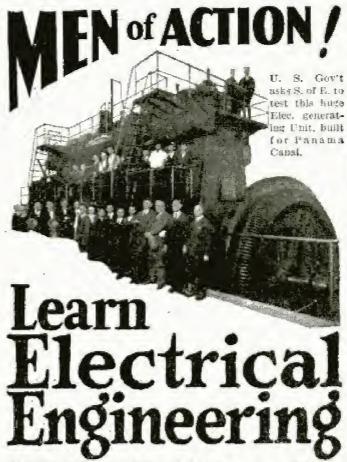
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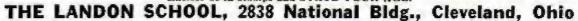
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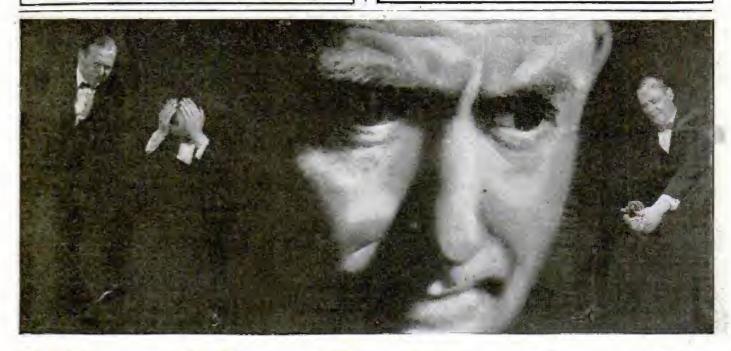
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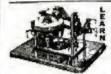
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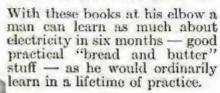
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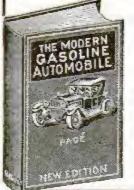
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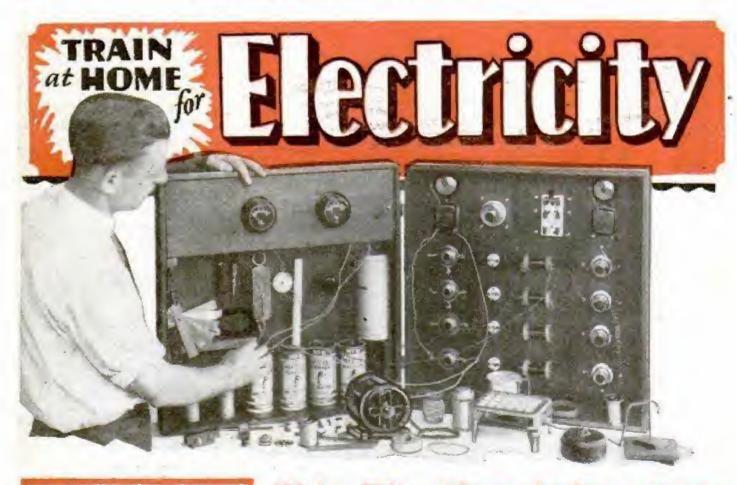
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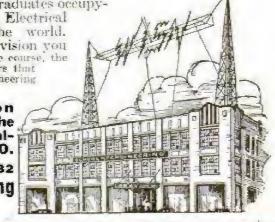
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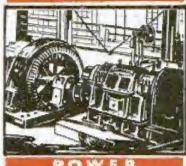
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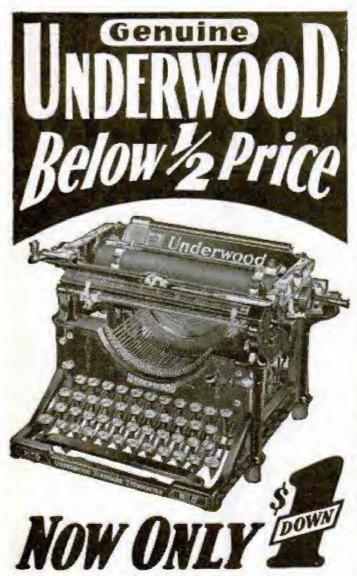
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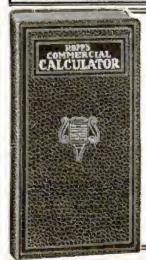
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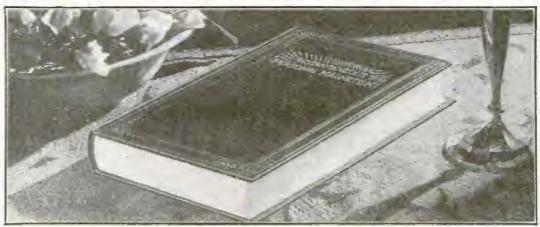
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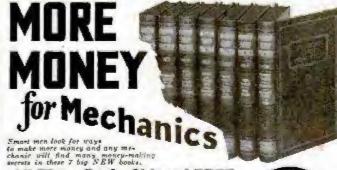
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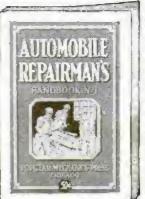
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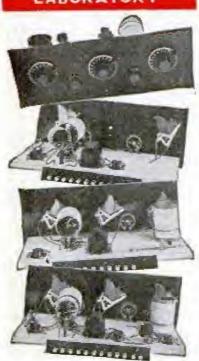
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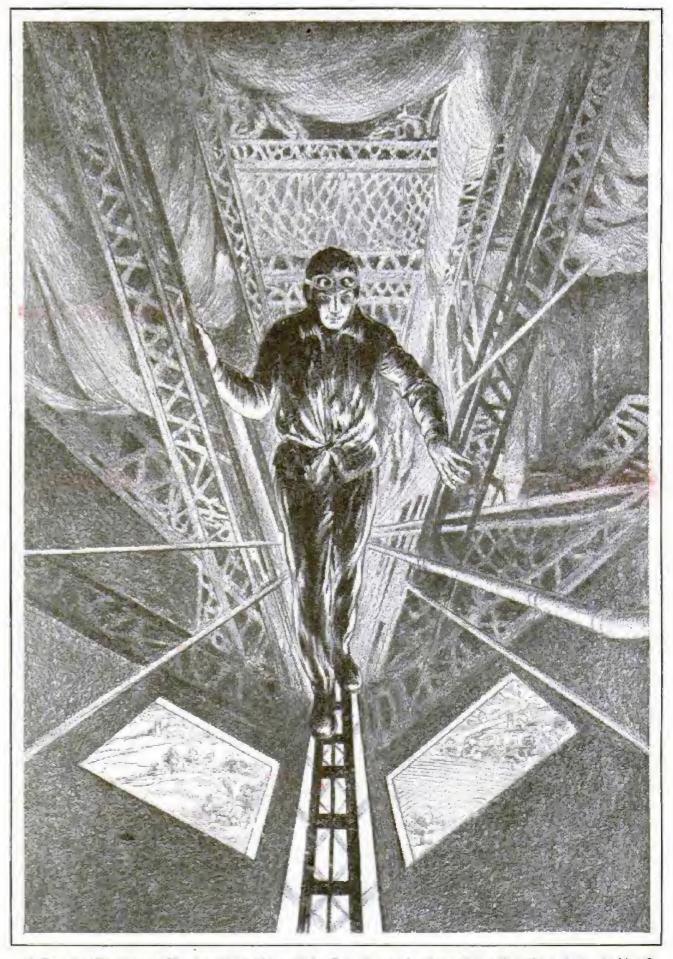
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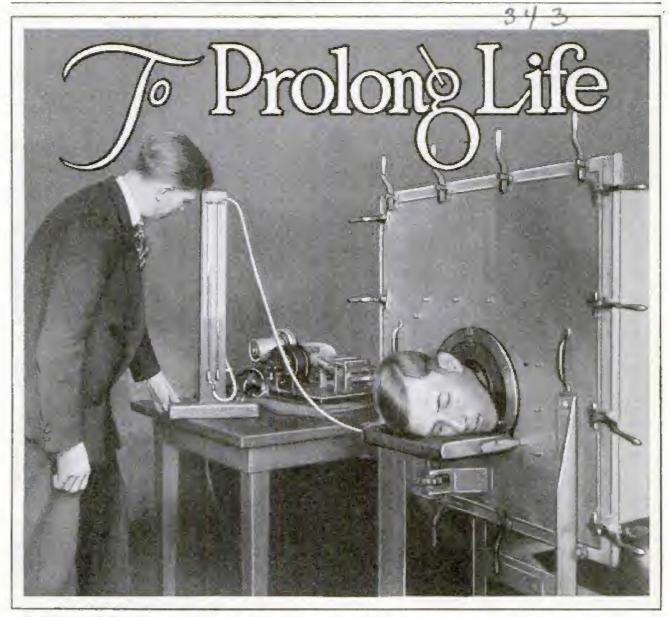
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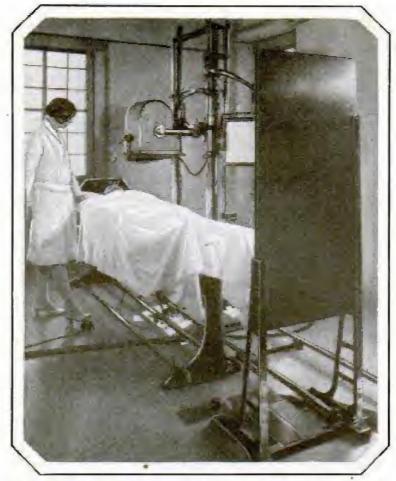
By ANTHONY WAYNE

MEDICAL science is finding in mechanical contrivances a close and useful ally in the saving of life. When, through accident and disease, it is impossible to breathe properly, to sleep or eat, the mechanically inclined physicians have stepped forward with new inventions that will save many lives and make for health.

The new science of mechanical aids for man is based on the theory that the body is made up of many parts even as the automobile is put together by the use of bolts, rings, valves and other devices. Suppose the heart fails. If injections are given to prevent blood coagulation, adrenalin, a powerful stimulant, will force the heart to function again. Without such injections, the individual must certainly be considered dead, and not many years ago would have been gone past recovery. Now he may live again,

The new science says that even if a man stops breathing in a normal way, he may be aided to keep on living. The

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In Bellevue hospital, New York, there has recently been installed a machine that supplies the necessary stimulus to the individual who needs help in breathing. The manual system of producing artificial respiration has done wonders, but the latest apparatus for this purpose will do much more and revive many who might certainly have been considered dead according to past experience. The method is specially applicable in cases of electric shock, concussion, gas poisoning, smoke or drowning and industrial accidents.

In this, the newest of the artificial aids developed for man, the patient is placed in a hermetically sealed tube, his head protruding through an air-tight rubber collar. Respiration is brought about by rhythmically increasing and decreasing the pressure in the chamber. The degree of pressure can be closely watched and the change and the temperature in the cabinet may be controlled from the outside. A bloodpressure gauge also is used. If oxygen is to be given, a hood is placed over the individual's head, By such purely mechanical means is restoration to normal conditions possible.

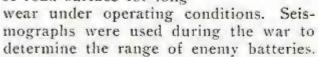
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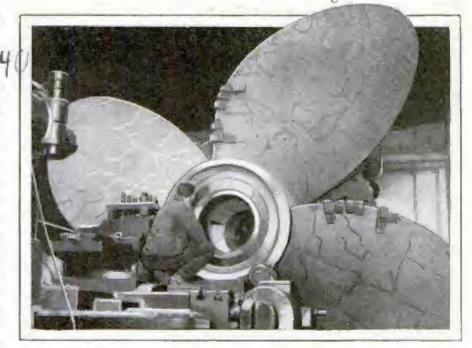
three hours every test showed that the dog's head was alive," the doctor stated. This is along the same line as the method used to make a frog's leg muscles move by means of the application of a high-voltage electric current. The nerves are still capable of reacting to the stimulus, even though the animal ceases to function as a whole.

The mechanical respirator, which was perfected by Philip Drinker and Louis A. Shaw, of Harvard University, is so designed that the patient lies on a mattress placed on a trunk which is attached to the lid of the tank. The head and neck extend through a rubber collar. The lid and trunk of the tank can be quickly pulled in and out with ease to permit occasional examination.

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equal-ended and olive-drab in color, paling in some instances almost to white.

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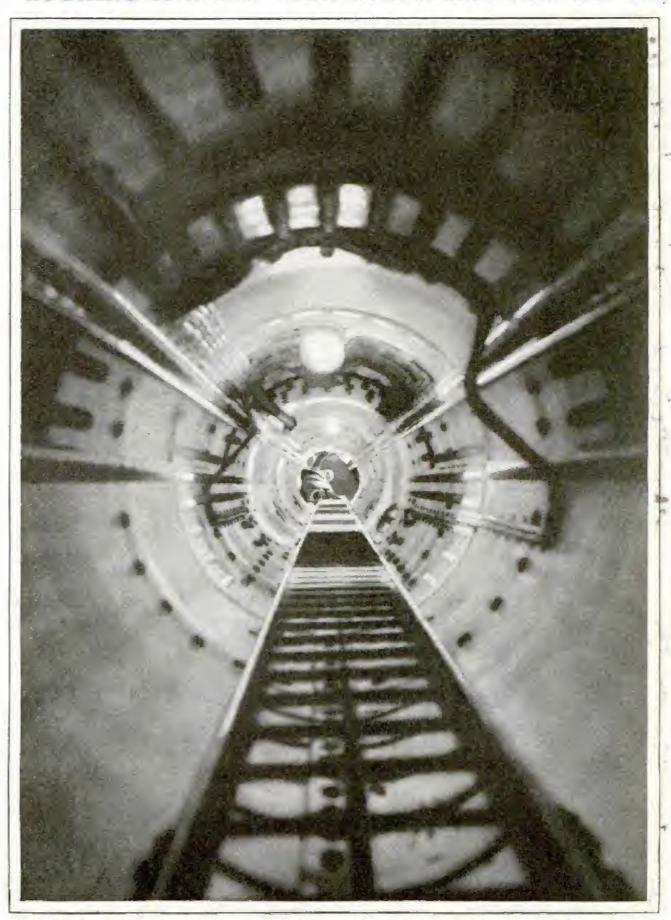
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CURRENT CONTROL ON BULBS

Electricity is "rationed" to the light bulbs in sufficient amount to keep them running at full efficiency while preventing waste of current, by means of an auto-

matic temperature control being tested in Eng-These are the claims for the unit, and reports of an actual test in London stated that the control apparatus effected a saving of more than twenty-eight per cent in current without any decrease in light, over bulbs not so equipped. Just as an electric range is not run for long at full heat, the current being turned down when the oven has been warmed sufficiently, so the new bulb device cuts down the supply, allowing just enough to keep the lights burning with full strength. It is a wellknown fact that only a fraction of the current passing the meter is converted into light.

LION'S HEAD IS PICTURED IN STAMPS

Using only postage stamps for his materials,

French painter has made a life-size picture of a lion's head. Stamps of many different countries were used and 3,000 hours were required to complete the picture, which contains 50,000 stamps.



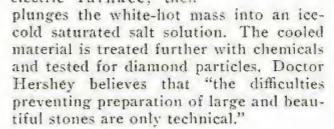
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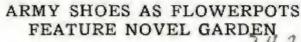
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DIAMOND'S MADE FROM CARBON AND METAL

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Greater success in the production of synthetic diamonds is reported 🤉 from McPherson College, where Prot. I. Willard Hershey, applying methods-that were originated about thirty years ago and developing new ones, has made what he believes are the largestsynthetic diamonds on record. He melts pure carbon with the filings of various metals in an electric furnace, then





An English gardener has added a hovel touch to his landscaping by reproducing



Gardener Tending His Old-Shoe Plantings; the Shoes Make Good Substitutes for Ordinary Flowerpots

scenes from the surrounding country in miniature. He also makes use of old army 5 shoes to grow some kinds of flowers. The discarded shoes are partly filled with earth and employed as pots. They have the advantage of being unbreakable and the leather retains moisture for a long time.



Servicing Tri-Motor Plane from the Special Truck Equipped with Electric Pump and Air Compressor for Inflating Tires

PLANE-SERVICE TRUCK FILLS TANKS BY MOTOR PUMP

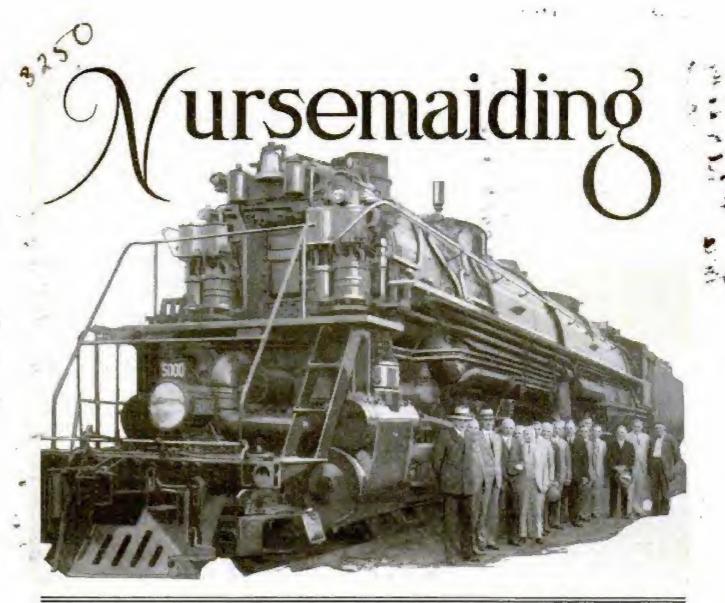
Electricity replaces hand power in a service station on wheels to refuel air-planes. At a touch of a button on the dash control, gasoline is pumped into the airplane's tank at the rate of thirty gallons a minute. The truck holds 1,150 gallons of fuel and the pump is operated from storage batteries charged by a generator, run from a power take-off from the drive shaft. The outfit was developed especially for aviation purposes, and one of its earliest applications was in filling the plane that tended the "Question Mark" during its historic endurance flight.

FLAME FROM ALUMINUM DUST HOTTER THAN GAS 💸 4 4

By employing powdered aluminum instead of hydrogen or acetylene gas, Dr. Frank M. Strong, of Syracuse University has produced a flame so hot that it will Fmelt its way through any known solid when used in a blowpipe. The dust is fed from the bottom of a hopper by means of 3a screw conveyor. At the end of a brass pipe, it is met by a swift cross stream of oxygen. After being ignited, the two produce an intensely hot flame because free oxygen is yielded rapidly and the heat is concentrated on a small area.

([Slightly underripe fruits make the best pickles, Cornell experts advise,

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Officials of the Northern Pacific Railway and Associates with No. 5000, Gigantic Steam Locomotive Which Is 125 Feet Long and Operates between Glendive, Mont., and Mandan, N. D

By EARL CHAPIN MAY, Wharm, Com

A GROUP of firemen and engineers were swapping stories of trouble met while on the line.

"I was running a fast eastbound passenger." one volunteered, "and was just coming into Westboro, Mass. The station platform was filled with people and my engine was shooting past when my right side rod broke. Before I could slap on the air, the left rod buckled and snapped off the main pin. Both sides of that engine were sure torn up."

"What happened then?" inquired a

bystander.

"Oh, nothing much," the big fellow replied. "I just stayed with the engine on the track until an engine from a local freight dragged me onto a siding and then took my train into Boston. After that the wrecking crew turned up."

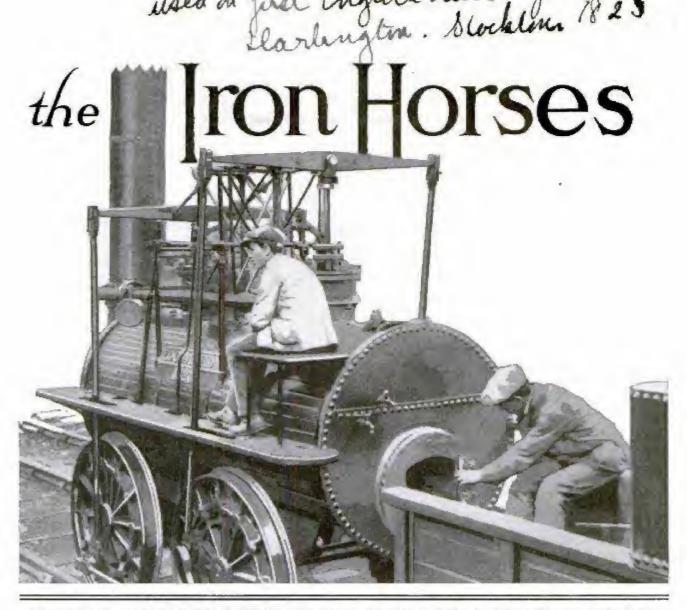
"About the only trouble I have these days," chimed in another locomotive cap-

tain, "is when my driving wheels slip going up a grade. These darned new engines are so heavy they spin on wet rails in spite of sand, until I cut in my booster engine."

"Why don't you send for a wrecker, Joe?" a veteran demanded. "About all you youngsters seem to know is to holler for help from the wrecking crew. When I began handling an engine throttle I was taught to take care of it myself. I carried the tools to do it, too. About all you fellows take out with you is a monkey wrench and a pick."

"That's about right." the first speaker admitted, "but we can't be experts on all the jewelry on the latest model locomotive—and carry a machine shop with us, too."

"Superintendents of motive power, master mechanics and their men are just naturally nursemaiding our iron horses,"



Historically Important in British Railroading, the Locomotive No. 1, Built by George Stephenson in 1825; the Engineer Had an Outdoor Seat on the Left Side, While the Fireman Rode in the Tender

added another denim-clad engineman. "That's why they get so much service out of engines—through modern methods of handling them."

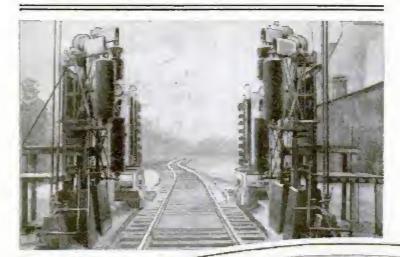
The last speaker voiced a principle of the policy prevailing on all Class-1 railroads. This policy is in sharp contrast to that pursued years ago. Then engine crews wrestled with breakdowns while passengers paced around the stalled train impatiently. Enginemen in charge of railroad motive power now are expected to "take it out and bring it in again." Because of the increasing intricacy of steam engines, their crews have much more responsibility than did the enginemen of twenty or forty years ago, but they operate on a much larger margin of safety. For most of the trouble shooting is done by shopmen before the engines leave the terminal.

Twenty years ago a first-class passenger engine weighed in the neighborhood of 190,000 pounds and cost approximately \$30,000, while the best freight engines of that period cost a little more and weighed about 215,000 pounds. Today the famous Hudson type of motive-power unit weighs 351,000 pounds, and a Mohawk or Berkshire type of freight engine weighs 15,000 pounds more. Each costs about \$90,000. These weights are exclusive of the tender.

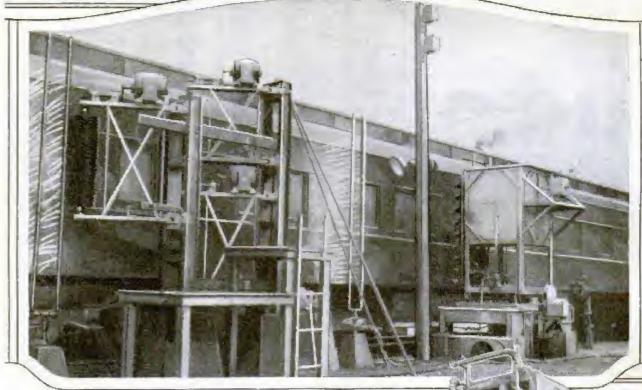
Once these great iron horses have been completed, and accepted after road tests by traveling or foreman engineers, they go into service. But after fifteen days of hauling freight or passenger trains on schedule, they go back into the shops for a "washout." A washout on the line is an accident which may result in a disaster. Invariably it is expensive. A washout in the shops is plain insurance, through maintenance of maximum pulling power.

There are seven distinct operations in an engine terminal washout. Not only is the boiler cleared of sediment by running 3250714

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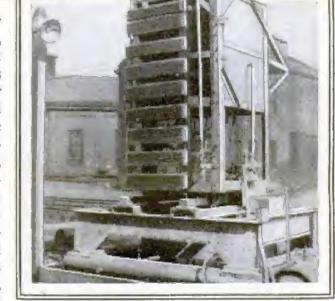


dered coal through the mechanical stoker are held by hook bolts. If the bolts are loose they must be tightened, if the jets are worn they must be renewed. At the same time the stoker's distributing plate is examined and must be replaced if it has been burned. The front end of each main rod, running from the pistons to the driving wheels, must be taken down and the rod examined with a magnifying mirror for checks,



warm water from the top of the boiler out through the mud ring at the bottom, thus avoiding inside "blistering." but strainers, feed-water lines, tank valves and tank are cleaned The cold-water sprinkler inside the tank and tender, and all pipe connections with that tank, are tested and examined carefully. The exhaust nozzle on the little booster engine. which acts as an accelerator when an engine starts or has trouble with a heavy load going over a hilltop, is cleared of accumulated dust or grease. The exhaustnozzle bridge, which splits the forced draft in the smoke box and thus increases temperature, is renewed, if necessary, that is, if it is worn and hence does not function properly.

The air jets which distribute the pow-



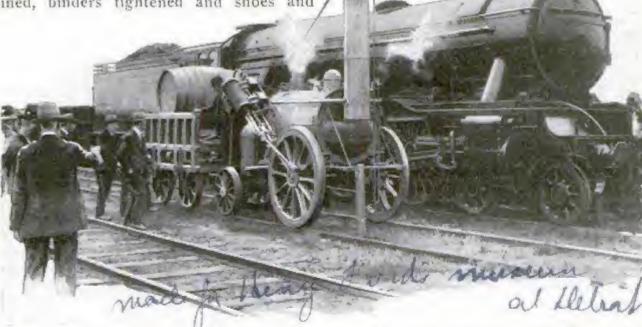
Views of a Modern Car-Scrubbing Installation, Showing, from Top to Bottom, the Brushes, Water Jets and Oxalic-Acid Pipes

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cracks or other evidences of weakness. Grease compound must be applied to the rods before they are again put in place. The three-piece brasses on the bearing surfaces of the main rods must be examined, binders tightened and shoes and

Replica of Rocket Locomotive of 100 Years Ago beside Modern British Engine



wedges oiled. Finally, the small pipe descending from the boiler top to within three inches of the crown sheet of the fire-box must be cleaned, because, when water gets low enough in the boiler to expose the bottom of that pipe, steam rushes up it and blows a whistle. This low-water alarm tells the engineer to start his pumps before the crown sheet is uncovered—unless he wants the boiler to explode.

In the old days, when 160 pounds of pressure was high, boiler explosions were not infrequent, though the engineer could determine the height of water by testing with hand gauges or by watching the water glass. Now, with 250 pounds of pressure, he may ignore the boilers gauges and the special alarm whistle will give him timely warning.

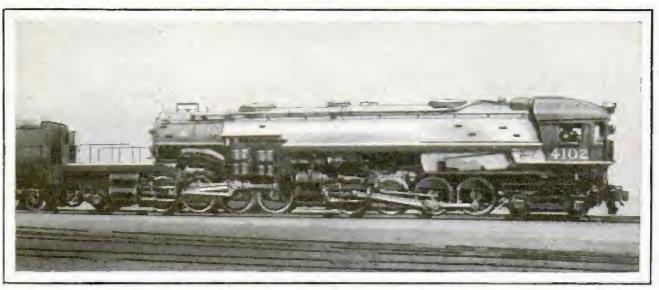
In the more picturesque but less practical days of years ago, the same engine crew took out the same engine and no other crew ever sat in its cab. Now, emigines are turned out in types and are distinguished by numbers, and each is handled by many crews, a kind of mass production in motive power. These engines are on duty all the time they are not under shop inspection. On long, high-speed runs of crack passenger locomotives, a crew will leave the engine at each 150 or 200 miles, but the iron steed, guided by

another crew, proceeds to its destination. It is a poor iron horse in this day and age which cannot cover 10,000 miles a month in passenger service or 5,000 miles a month while hauling freight.

Major troubles are rather rare. Although big engines on our roads carry 250 pounds of steam, a locomotive boiler seldom "lets go." Boiler explosions are almost unheard of in modern engines, because the builders know how to insure strength and stability, mechanical superintendents know how to keep the boilers in form, and the most careless of engineers cannot ignore the low-water alarm steam whistle.

The breaking of a side rod or a main rod is exceptional, because long testing has shown that the maximum of strength for weight is attained by fluting a main rod and that side rods should be plain or rectangular. Moreover, pounding or vibration is reduced by use of a three-piece floating bushing for the driving rods instead of the old-style stiff split brass held in place by adjusting keys. The new-style bushing is better lubricated and does not bind if it becomes warm enough to expand; hence it does not overheat the main pin, for example, and leave the engine helpless on the rails.

To the efficiency of the airbrake has



Burning Oil and Weighing, with Its Tender, over 900,000 Pounds, This Cab-in-Front Locomotive Is One of a Fleet of Ten Delivered for Mountain Service over the Southern Pacific Lines

been added the automatic train stop which, if the engineer runs past a stop or caution signal, applies the air automatically, so the train is under control, no matter what happens to the enginemen. In the larger latest engines, the mechanical stoker has relieved the fireman of handling 5,000 pounds of coal per hour. Now the coal travels from the tender to the firebox along a revolving horizontal spiral, which has a series of three crushers, and is sprayed onto the fire.

The lame-backed fireman of pre-stoker days would have welcomed the modern feed-water heater which heats the water from the tender before it enters the boiler, by subjecting it to exhaust steam. He would also have welcomed the modern superheater which increases the expansive power of the boiler steam, and the

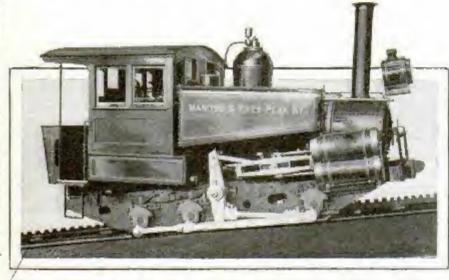
devices which ring the engine bell by air and sand the rails almost automatically.

Instead of a dim kerosene lamp in front of the smokestack, a brilliant electric light, with its own power plant, supplies energy for the train stop. The old heroic days are past when a traditional Casey Jones, in order to avoid a head-on collision, flexed his biceps and pulled back on his reverse lever. There were giants in those days but they could not turn a trick of that character today. The locomotive's machinery is too heavy for mere man power. The engineer of this year's iron horse reverses it by spinning a small metal wheel actuated by steam or air pressure. This process is slower than the old lever, but is less laborious.

Engineers and firemen have it soft as far as using muscle is concerned, but life for

> two men in each cab is so complicated by mechanical appliances that they might be frequently in trouble if the mechanical executives and their assistants were not functioning so skillfully.

> The difference between yesterday and today in American railroading is a difference in favor of modern methods and records, due to respect for rules laid down by federal and state commissions, enforced by railroad executives.



Tiny but Powerful; Special Locomotive Built for the Cog Line of the Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway

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GAS REFRIGERATOR FOR ICE-CREAM TRUCK

Ice-cream Qua delivery trucks are being equipped with gas-burning refrigerating apparatus as a substitute for salt and ice. The plan is more effective and cleaner and is also said to be cheaper, particularly because the maintenance and service costs are greatly reduced, Successful operation of these refrigeration plants promises more extensive shipment of perishable goods by auto truck, owners point out.

"MYSTERY" PLANE'S SECRET IS THE COOLING SYSTEM

One of the principal secrets of the "mystery" plane which the navy is testing is the novel cooling system of the engine. It is modified to permit

the use of "prestone." the high-efficiency cooling liquid. As a result small radiators can be used, and these are mounted on each side of the fuselage, thus reducing the air resistance.



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This Small Radiator on the Navy's "Mystery" Plane
Uses a High-Efficiency Cooling Liquid



Youngsters Exercising in a Berlin Outdoor Gymnasium: the Foot Ladder Is of Special Benefit in Cases Needing Corrective Aid

CHILDREN'S FOOT GYMNASIUM CORRECTS DEFECTS

Extensive gymnastic training for young and old is being encouraged in Germany, and, at some of the schools and recreation grounds, special attention is paid to the children. In Berlin, for instance, one outdoor gymnasium has an inclined walk on which wooden blocks are set at angles. As the child steps over them in bare feet, the muscles of legs and arms are strengthened and minor foot defects are remedied.

PIT TO STOP SMUGGLERS 3

At the American approach to the Anibassador bridge, between Detroit and Windsor, to be opened next year, an inspection pit for automobiles, similar to service-station pits, has been constructed. Automobiles suspected of smuggling liqnor will be required to run onto the pit, where custom officers will make a quick search for compartments under the floor.

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Motorboating and Flying Are Combined in This Racing Craft Equipped with an Outboard Motor Which at Times Causes the Craft to Leap into the Air and Fly Short Distances

OUTBOARD-MOTOR BOAT "FLIES" FOR SHORT DISTANCES

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Motorboating and flying are combined in an outboard racing boat which at times actually leaps into the air and flies for short distances. The boat is owned by Harrison Fraser, former holder of the outboard speed record, and he made the "fuselage" of his modern Pegasus of a racer to which he attached a twin-cylinder sixteen-horsepower outboard motor.

HUNDRED-DOLLAR "BABY" AUTO DEVELOPS HIGH SPEED

Not much larger than a toy, a small sequence to be well fitted for

For a Limited Purse and Service in Heavy Traffic; the Hundred-Dollar "Baby" Auto

serviceable duty especially in the cities, has appeared in Paris. It costs but \$100,

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is powered with a two and one-half horsepower motor and yet develops a speed of over twenty miles an hour. It was exhibited at a recent auto show.

STALKING BIG GAME BY PLANE

Twentieth-century marksmen are taking to airplanes to stalk big game in & Africa. Guns, ammunition, portable film cameras, etc., constitute the outfit employed by the flying hunters and three or four hundred miles is an average trip, because the flyers do not care to run the risk, of a forced landing in the jungle. Antelopes and other boldly colored creatures may be easily located from the sky, but the natural camouflage that characterizes the giraffe, leopard and other timid animals makes shooting them from above difficult. Only when large herds of animals move together across the prairies is there any certainty of shooting them from the air.

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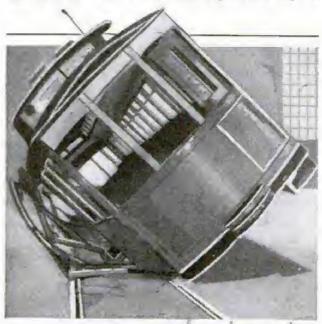
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AVIATION INDUSTRY'S GROWTH CALLS FOR MANY MEN 2 4 4

Nearly 25,000 persons are directly employed in the manufacture of airplanes and airplane motors in the United States, . according to the department of labor. The industry has demanded special materials, metals, wood, cloth and rubber with a consequent increase in the number of workers; schools teaching aviation need instructors, hundreds of mechanics are employed, and the necessary distribution of gasoline to supply the airplanes has required more men. The department considers the development of any new industry, such as aviation, of special importance at the present time for the reason that it offers employment for many workers who have been forced out of older activities due to the adoption of machinery in those lines.

TROLLEY CAR TILTED ON SIDE SO REPAIRMEN MAY WORK

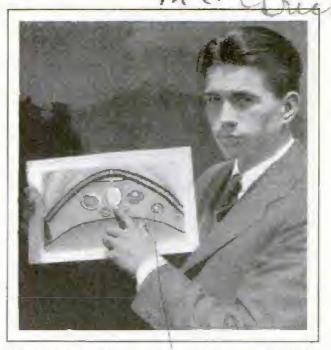
Picking up a street car and turning it over on its side to give repairmen easy access to the bottom or top from the floor level of the shop, then tilting it back in an upright position, is accomplished by a



A Truck Which Tiles Trolley Cars into Convenient Positions for Repairmen

truck used by the Cincinnati street railway. The truck operates on the railway tracks on small wheels and has levers and cranks which hold the body of the car.

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The Instrument Indicated Is an "Hourometer." Which Shows a Plane's Actual Time in the Air

PLANE'S ACTUAL TIME ALOFT SHOWN BY "HOUROMETER"

Indicating the actual time of an airplane in the air in hours and minutes is the purpose of an instrument designed by two Oakland inventors and called an "hourometer." A device near the landing gear electrically connects or disconnects as the plane rises or lands. It is expected to prove helpful in assisting pilots to keep accurate logs in endurance flights, etc.

PHOTOGRAPH NOISES ON SHIPS TO END ANNOYING SOUNDS

Annoying sounds on ships are being eliminated by a process of sound photography. Prof. A. M. Low, British scientist, is conducting the campaign by stopping or rendering the noise harmless to comfort. Phonographs are used to record many of the noises, and in other cases an audiometer. This is an instrument by means of which sound waves are collected by a trumpet, projected onto a diaphragm, thinner than a soap bubble and carrying a mirror on which the collected waves are projected as a beam of light. The oscillations of this beam are recorded on a film which forms the noise picture. The means to stop the sound is judged by its intensity on the photograph. After locating the noise, sound absorbers are placed about the source

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Huge Cables Were Used to Lower This 50,000-Pound Diesel Engine into Position to Operate Oil-Electric Locomotive

OIL-ELECTRIC GIANT OF RAILS BRINGS NEW ERA

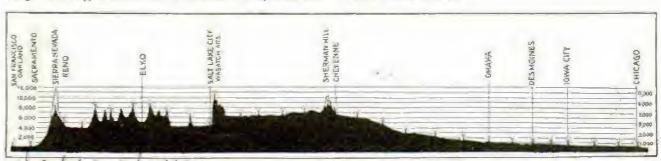
Heralded as the most unusual departure yet made in the application of motive power, locomotive No. 9,000 has been given its inaugural run by the Canadian National railways. The new locomotive is unlike anything ever seen on a railroad, for it combines the electric drive with the heavy-oil Diesel engines which are rapidly driving steam off the seas. The result

is a Diesel engine of mammoth size driving an electric generator, to supply current for the actual driving motors. Built in two units, the 9,000-class weighs 650,000 pounds, of which 480,000 pounds are carried on the sixteen drivewheels. Each unit consists of an oil-engine generator set mounted on the locomotive frame, boiler equipment to provide steam heat for standard passenger coaches and Pullmans, four traction motors, air brakes and other auxiliary equipment. Although electricity would be available for heating the coaches, steam was necessary as all existing coaches have been built for that type of heating.

LONGEST LIGHTED AIRWAY CHICAGO TO PACIFIC

Virtually a lighted air boulevard spanning half a continent, the Chicago-

Oakland-San Francisco air-mail, express and passenger route bears the distinction of being the longest lighted airway in the world. It extends over 2,000 miles with emergency landing fields every twenty miles for night flying, a revolving beacon every ten miles to keep planes on their course, and a flashing blinker every three miles. The route also contains the highest beacon in the world, that just west of Cheyenne, Wyo., which is 10,000 feet above sea level.



The Drawing Shows the Longest Lighted Airway Which at Night Guides Airplanes from Chicago to San Prancisco; the Route Contains the Highest Beacon, 10,000 Feet Above Sea Level

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FACES VS. INTELLIGENCE ARE STUDIED BY PSYCHOLOGIST

The photographer's stock warning, "Look pleasant, please," is sound advice, especially if the photograph is to be used in applying for a position or in any sort of competition, for a pleasant, alert expression improves your chances of appearing intelligent. This, at least, is the inference to be drawn from an experiment in which 600 men and women judged the intelligence of

twelve photographed faces. Reporting the experiment before the International Congress of Psychology, Dr. R. S. Uhrbrock, of Cornell University, said that six of the twelve faces in the photograph represented men of high intelligence. The other six were men of lower mentality. Eight of the twelve faces were classified correctly by the judges, on the whole. But there were pictures of two men, both of whom had exactly the same high intelligence ratings. One face showed a drooping mouth, a snarl and averted eyes. More than three-fourths of the estimates said this man was a dullard. The other man looked the camera in the eye, with a pleased, agreeable expression. fourths of the judges called this man bright. The investigation raises questions worthy of being pursued further, Doctor Uhrbrock said. It may be that certain facial characteristics are constantly asso-

ciated with high or low intelligence in people's most If these minds. facial characteristies can be controlled, an individual may have himphotographed self so as to put his best features foremost, or he may be able to select the one in a set of his photographs own that most accurately represents his intellectual level.



Small Pool Where Tiny Boats Sail in Calm and Windy Weather as Well; They Are Moved by a Concealed Wheel

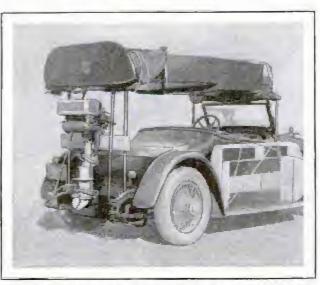
SMALL SHIPS SAIL ROUND POOL REGARDLESS OF WIND

Small sailing ships in a San Diego pool sail around constantly regardless of wind direction to the mystification of visitors. Their motion is controlled from a light-house in the center of the pool which conceals an axle with a hub to which is attached a spoke for each vessel. The outer end of each spoke is bent upward and fastened under the ship. From whichever direction the wind blows there is always a filled sail to move one boat into the wind, keeping all in motion.

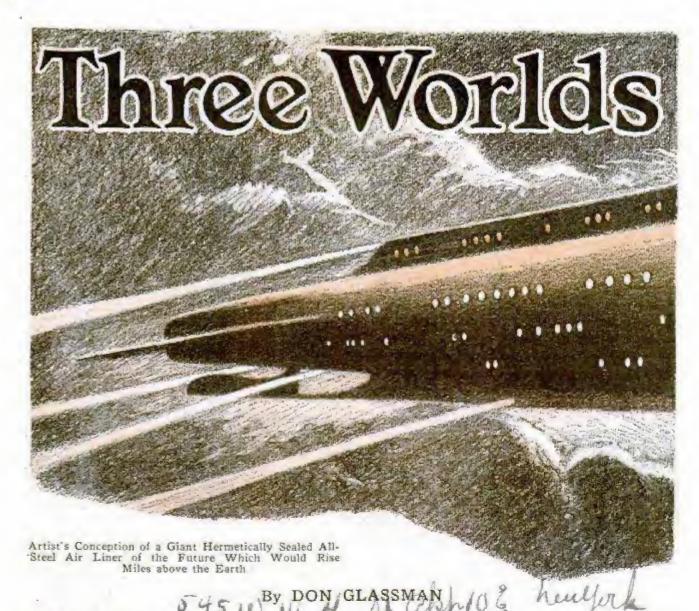
DETACHABLE RACK HOLDS BOAT FOR HAULING ON AUTO

For carrying a small power boat on an automobile, a detachable rack has been made which consists of two sections, the

front one being a crosspiece of wood supported by two iron pipes bolted to the running boards. The rear-section supports are bolted to the frame of the car, being reinforced by rods leading to the ends of the springs to take up the shocks and eliminate topheaviness. The outboard motor may be clamped to a crosspiece at the rear.



Detachable Rack for Hauling Boat and Outboard Motor by Auto; It Is Quickly Adjusted



THE EARTH flings man a challenge. I offers three new worlds.

Lying outside the boundaries of latitude and longitude, these mysterious realms harbor strange creatures. The worlds of rock, water and gas need exploration.

The rock world invites men to search its porous crust for life that extends indefinitely toward the center.

The water world covers three-fourths of the globe's area, conceals vanished continents and supports a vast pageant of life.

The gas world is the sky sea. By volume stupendous, its life is both visible and invisible. Higher than we have ever believed, thrives a dominion of microscopic animals sustained by the sparsest air and enjoying frigid climate.

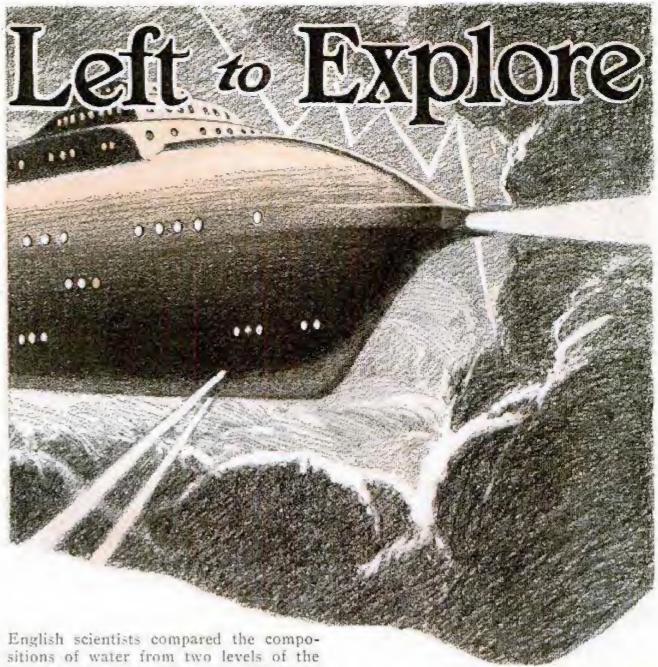
The most remote fastnesses on this earth have been reached by men independent of modern inventions. Columbus found a continent, Peary and Amundsen discovered the poles using simply sailing vessels

and dog teams. But the new age of discovery will be exalted by invention of a high order. In fact, inventors will share equal honors with explorers; for whithersoever a quest leads, the investigators will need tools, conveyances, instruments and machines.

Pressure and gravity are the forces the new explorer must overcome. He needs assistance, and the inventor fortifies him with the armor of his genius. So it is, the challenge flung to explorers concerns inventors also.

Just two years ago, when Dr. E. S. Bastin, of the University of Chicago, discovered a new subterranean realm, prevailing notions that life fifty feet beneath the surface of the earth was impossible were shattered, even though bacteria had already been found living in solid ice and boiling water.

How was subterranean life found? The story has its beginning in 1895, when two



English scientists compared the compositions of water from two levels of the ocean, one from the blue muds at a depth of 17,400 feet, the other from a shallow shelf, and found that shallow water is rich in sulphate and poor in lime, while water drained from the deep blue muds is rich in lime and poor in sulphate.

Then came a Russian scientist, Issatchenko. He dredged the Black sea bottom and raised mud samples from a depth of 6,300 feet and identified living bacteria. He found a whole tribe of "sulphate eaters."

"These bacteria eat sulphates in the deep sea bottoms." he said, "and that explains why shallow ocean water is rich in sulphates."

Like many others, Doctor Bastin pondered over the mysterious role of sulphate eaters. Now, in his work as a geologist he had often wondered about the disappearance of sulphur-bearing minerals. "Were sulphate eaters responsible here?" he asked himself, repeating the old question, "Does life extend far below the surface?"

When a geologist thinks of mud he recalls oil, too. For oil is fatefully linked with mud, being secreted on the sea bottom by marine animals and sealed in a natural reservoir by mud. That is the fuel we tap today.

Where but to an oil well would one go for evidence of life, for oil is rich in sulphate? If sulphate eaters could withstand a pressure of 3,000 pounds a square inch at the bottom of the Black sea, why couldn't they withstand twice as much,

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Drawing Showing Comparison between Grand Canyon and a Gulch in the Pacific Floor Five Times Deeper

such as obtains under one mile of rock? Doctor Bastin obtained samples of brine waters that flowed from oil wells bored to 3,000 feet, and was amazed to see bacterial cultures grow overnight. Subterranean life was abundant at almost a mile below the surface, reaching down indefinitely.

To explore the land of sulphate eaters, expeditions of diggers, borers and dynamiters are needed. For long, man has wanted to drive a shaft into the heart of the planet. Possibly he will find that life had much to do with the enrichment of

certain ore deposits; and the laws of a universal cosmos of life govern this globe.

The Submarine World

Actually, we have seen very little of what composes the ocean-bottoms. No man has stood on the brink of the canyon described by George W. Littlehales, of the U. S. Navy.

"A stupendous trough fronts the eastern borders of Japan," he said. "Five times deeper than the Grand Canyon of the Colorado! Twelve hundred miles long and its sides unbelievably steep. This submarine gash is 100 miles wide. No natural or artificial feature on the surface of the earth compares with its overpowering grandeur."

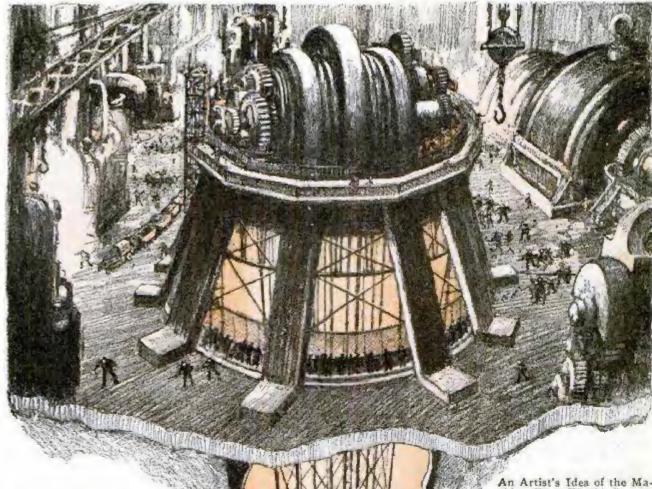
At the bottom of Submarina, there is frigid darkness. The water is colder than ice. Never a ray of light leaks through, Who prowls here? Shark-nosed demons, fantastic and ghostly, attacking with saw teeth and tentacles. Their shapes and variety are infinite. They swim on a forage, driven by ravenous hunger.

Dr. Austin H. Clark, of the Smithsonian Institution, a veteran of many deep-sea expeditions, contends that our present knowledge does not permit us to explore the ocean bottoms. "A diver's descent of 360 feet is nothing," says Doctor Clark, "when you consider that the

ocean basins are almost as deep as Mt. Everest is high,

"At a depth of one mile, our protective armor would have to be much thicker than at shallower levels. Under huge pressure water can penetrate microscopic crevices. For instance, in dredging operations, I attach glass balls to my nets. When these hollow spheres come up they are more or less filled with water. Yet near the surface, these balls are perfectly impervious and never leak.

"The maximum descent of submarines is less than 1,000 feet. The zone of ef-



fective illumination is but 600 feet. Man has not even reached the preliminary abyss. Below 600 feet, the 'twilight zone' is similar to pale moonlight."

The Atmospheric World

The gaseous realm excites the imagination. It was the first of the three to intrigue man,

In 1927, Capt. Hawthorne C. Gray, army air corps, ascended 42,470 feet in a balloon. He sailed uncharted sky seas where the temperature is frigid, yet constant. That was the limit of human endurance.

An Artist's Idea of the Machine That Would Bore a Shaft 5,000 Feet Deep to Explore Rock Formations

Commercial-aviation operators say they cannot compete with cheaper surface conveyances unless their aircraft attain a minimum speed of 200 miles per hour. Will air lines be driven to higher altitudes where resistance is lessened? If so, they need new equipment and knowledge.

Then there are clues to a realm of the earth higher than aircraft can travel. In the last five years we have learned startling facts about the tenacity of life. Maj. R. W. G. Hingston, naturalist of the Mt. Everest expedi-

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tion of 1924, exclaims, "How relentless is the force of nature to spread into every corner of the earth!

"On the Tibetian plateau I saw wild sheep and mountain hares struggle up barren slopes at 17,000 feet, bees, moths and butterflies at 21,000 feet and choughs at 27,000 feet. I saw life thriving in ice pools, glacial crevasses and rockbound mountain passes."

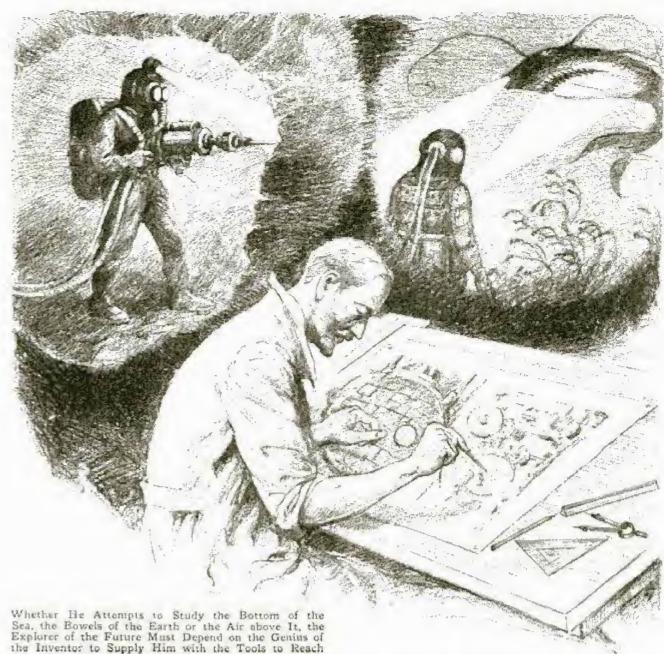
That arouses speculation on how high life can exist. Organisms can withstand intense heat, cold and pressure. They can eat mineral foods. What is the ceiling of existence? Sparse air extends out about 300 miles.

W. D. Verschovle, an English scientist, predicts aerial navigation at an altitude of 100,000 feet within the next century. Jules Verne intimated such travel in the "Moon Voyage." Verschoyle describes a hermetically sealed wingless flying machine, shaped like a bullet, whose ability

> about 1.000 miles per hour. The machine could fly in continuous sunlight.

to ascend twenty miles and remain there, stationary, relative to the earth's center. will result in a mean velocity equal to the speed of the earth's rotation, That sounds impossible to Dr. W.

Drawing Depicting the Hollow Metal Sphere from the Inside of Which Explorers Equipped with Telescopes and Powerful Searchlights Might View Deep-Sea Life at Lower Depths Than Ever Before Attempted



the Inventor to Supply Him with the Tools to Reach These Regions

J. Humphreys, of the U. S. weather bureau. He says:

"At an altitude of 50,000 feet the air is extremely thin and propellers would gasp for something to pull against.

"By sending up balloons to about 100,000 feet, roughly twenty miles, we have recently learned that the mercury stops falling at about 35,000 feet as one ascends. Above that level is the constant temperature zone, whose temperature is about minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit."

So we see the opening scenes of an operatic mystery, replete with heroism and adventure, poignancy and thrill. It reveals how living substance crawled, swam and flew to new realms. The careers of a million nameless species that sprang up

and spawned their kind. Finally, the grand wonder of birth and the grim tragedy of death.

3/15 WOOD TREATED TO RESIST FIRE

Tests at the University of Wisconsin have demonstrated that wood used for trim may be made fire-resisting, while fireproof wood is a possibility. The research workers said the tests consisted largely in treating wood with a diammoniumphosphate solution, with similar results obtained by the use of zinc chloride. By charring the specimens so treated, it was definitely determined that the wood had exceptional fire-resisting qualities, although not entirely figeproof.

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This Auto Trailer for Campers Unfolds into Kitchen and Dinette, but Packs into Small Space for Transportation

AUTOMOBILE CAMPING TRAILER UNFOLDS INTO A KITCHEN

English campers are using a compact auto trailer instead of a tent to provide "home comforts" during a tour. The trailer unfolds by sections to provide plenty of room for cooking and eating, but when not in use the sections can be packed so compactly that they take up but small space for hauling.

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS GROW MOST OF HOLIDAY SUPPLY

Most of the holiday supply of spruce and evergreen is grown on Christmas tree farms, an industry concerning which

little is heard. One Ohio nursery has over 400,000 trees growing on seventv-five acres of land, ranging in size from tiny year-old Norway spruce seedlings to trees thirty feet tall. All of the trees come from seeds, and when the seedlings are two or three inches high, they are planted in beds, being arranged two inches apart in rows one foot from each other. There they remain for two or

three years, when they are transplanted to fields where they have more room to develop. average tree requires five years to reach a height of from four to six feet. Instead of cutting the trees, thousands of trees now are being dug up, and the roots wrapped in burlap with moist sod for shipment. After the tree has served its Christmas purpose, it may be transplanted into the yard where it usually lives and flourishes as a lawn evergreen, and may even be dug up and brought into the house the following year. Most

people want "fat" trees for Christmas, believing they are better-looking, but growers claim a slim tree can be more tastefully decorated and does not look overburdened when full of toys.

CRANKS REPLACE OARS TO STORIVE A SMALL BOAT

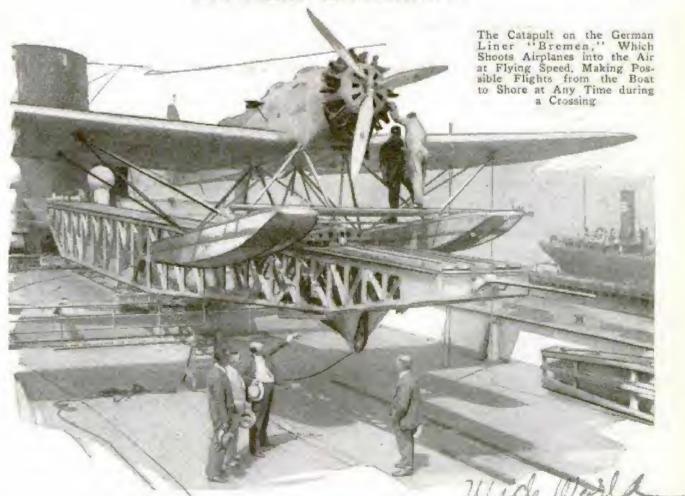
Operating a rowboat by hand without the necessity of rowing has been accomplished by an English army officer who made such a craft for his wife's use. Two cranks are attached to the gunwales of the boat in front of the passenger and by turning the handles two propellers in the rear are revolved thus furnishing the motive power.



A Rowboat without Oars, Run by Turning the Cranks in Front of the Passenger, Thus Revolving Two Propellers in the Reag

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NEW CATAPULT DRIVES PLANE FROM DECK OF LINER

Shooting an airplane into the air from the deck of the German liner "Bremen," which recently established transatlantic speed records, is made possible by a catapult designed to launch the plane at flying The catapult makes possible a flight from the ship to land with mail, excithe peril of ice forming on aircraft, says press or passengers at any time during a Dr. Alexander McAdie of Harvard Unicrossing.

HOW TO TEST ANTIQUE GLASS

by an English glass expert to shine the condition occurring when the air is clear article before completing the purchase be-jo of dust upon which the droplets might cause it should be clear and colorless as solidify. Immediately upon contact with water unless sold as colored or tinted. The aircraft these particles of fog become a faintest trace of color indicates that lead, all layer of ice. The best way to escape it is iron or magnesium is present, all these to watch thermometers closely and seek metals being injurious to its lasting quali- relevels where the temperature is higher, ties. Minute air bubbles appearing in Glaze occurs when raindrops fall upon a glass when it is held to the light are an surface which is much colder and freeze indication that it was not sufficiently to it, while real sleet is due to raindrops worked in its melted state and has a tend-falling through a layer of air below freezency to become opaque or to crack when

exposed to sunlight. Glass which is slightly turbid suffers from "mattress," a defect which causes it to devitrify, losing its luster.

FOG WHICH SOLIDIFIES INTO IGE IS PERIL TO AVIATORS

Three meteorological conditions cause versity. These are sleet, glaze and subcooled fog, the latter being most dangerous. Subcooling means that the tiny vapor Collectors of antique glass are advised 5 the freezing point, although still water, the ing and solidifying as they fall,

Thotos from Berlen

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These Young Men Show What to Do When a Boat Capsizes: Straddle It, Use the Oars as Floats or Hang to Bottom of Boat

WHAT TO DO IF BOAT TIPS OVER AND YOU CANNOT SWIM

Keeping afloat when the canoe or rowboat upsets, even though unable to swim, is not difficult if the victim does not become panic-stricken when plunged into the water. In case of a rowboat capsizing, the two oars, or even one oar, placed under the arms will keep an inexpert swimmer afloat until he can paddle ashore or summon aid. When one member of a canoe party cannot swim, he may keep afloat by straddling the craft while the swimmers shove it ashore, or if all are unable to swim, each may hang onto the bottom of the overturned canoe with one hand, using the free hand to paddle.

WORLD'S LARGEST AIR CAMERA 342 9 TESTED

The world's largest aerial camera, weighing 130 pounds and measuring about half the height of an average man, has just been tested successfully by the army air corps. The camera was developed to take widespread ground areas from high altitudes, and is the result of five years of experimentation. The pictures taken are nine by eighteen inches and the roll of film carried is 150 feet long. The camera's most important feature is that its operation is fully automatic, possessing a registering device whereby the elevation of the plane, the time, date, and the number of the negative are noted on one corner of the film. The device is electrically heated so that it will function at

the very low temperatures found at altitudes exceeding 40,000 feet. Ordinarily the camera is suspended through a hole in a section of the ship's bottom. While the picture is being taken, the plane moves at a speed of about eighty-five miles an hour. The completion of an exposure, including the automatic setting and winding of the shutter, the rolling of the film and the shooting of the picture, takes only fifteen seconds. During these operations the photographer has little to do.

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The Crew of This English Steamer, Frozen In in the Baltic Sea, Have Written in Coal Dust on the Ice That They Need Coal and Water, and the Airplane Has Arrived with Supplies

IN PORTS all round the Baltic sea, the German radio last winter was crackling an SOS telling of suffering and danger hundreds of miles distant, where many steamers of all nations were caught fast in the ice, their crews starving, their bunker coal running low, while drifting fog and lee-shore icefloes made it practically impossible for the most powerful of ice breakers to reach them.

Two of the most up-to-date of Germany's cruisers, the "Elsass" and the "Schleswig-Holstein," were converted into ice breakers and sent post-haste from Kiel harbor to the rescue of the nearest of the imprisoned steamers, whose radio announced that she was ice-bound off the island of Fehmern, some seventy miles east. A grey fog came over the sea and almost blotted out the surroundings by the time the navigators calculated they were about the position whose latitude and longitude had been radioed in the SOS. The cruiser sounded her siren and sent out radios, but there was no response.

Then came a wireless from Kiel, ordering the ship to return to port at once, and co-operate with spotting airplanes of the Luft Hansa, one of Germany's biggest air lines.

Back at Kiel, the ice breaker prepared for a new life-saving hunt in the cold and fog, while her consort, the "Schleswig-Holstein," steamed out of harbor under the convoy of an airplane in a search for two marooned steamers. After a brief flight, the plane reported spotting the two ice-locked ships which were invisible to the keen-sighted observer scanning the sea from the cruiser's fighting top. Later the plane reported several other steamers fast in the ice. Some of them were displaying flag signals. One read: "I am in great danger. I want coal." Another great danger. I want coal," signaled: "I must have food! Down to our last biscuit, after days in the ice. Hurry, please!" A third ship had written in coal dust on the ice the one word; "Water!"

The plane had not found the ships on the first flight! At the outset, the position of the SOS steamers was a matter of mere guesswork. Systematic flights had to be made before each ship could be located. Each bay and arm of the sea was thoroughly scanned, and in weather in which the visibility was bad, the planes zigzagged in the air in order to hit on clear spaces of sufficient width. The job of the cruisers was to rescue the crews

of the ships; the problem of the spotting planes was to find and feed their crews.

This problem was made none the easier, owing to the fact that the seadromes were all frozen up, and a service of land planes had to be hastily improvised. From all ports of the German shores of the Baltic sea, from Kiel in the west to Lubeck, Stettin and far-away Danzig, the East Prussian timber port, fleets of fast planes took short flights to get a rapid bird's-eye view of the ice conditions in the waters The east-bound planes radioed back that the steamship lanes in their waters were pretty clear of ice; but the west-bound planes reported to the airport bases that a knife-edged east wind could be seen drifting the floes and the lockedin steamers farther away. From the shores of Denmark, the airplane observers made out fresh drifting floes threatening the imprisoned steamers with further perils of crushed hulls and broken screws.

When the planes spotted the frozen

steamships, it was impossible to land on the floes without running great risks. Under pressure, big chunks break off the floes, and fissures or open leads of thawed water endanger landing and take-off. By ingenious methods, the ice-locked crews were victualed with bread, peas, meat, potatoes and bacon, while drinking water, in the form of ice blocks, was dropped on the floes along with chocolate, cigarets and newspapers. Sacks of coal were actually sent down by the airplanes hovering over sailing ships with fireless galleys.

Parachutes to float down the food and necessaries could not be used, owing to the raging wind, which would have blown them far out of the reach of the starving crews. So the food and fuel was strongly packed in small sacks, incased in wood fiber, and dropped from the airplane, flying at a height of from 150 to 190 feet. Later, it was found that hardly one sack of peas and coal had burst open on contact with the floe's surface.



Photos Courtesy Deutsche Luft Hansa This Picture, Taker from an Ice-Plane Patrol, Shows a German Ice Breaker Standing by a Frozen-In Cargo Steamer, While an Airplane Has Dropped Packages of Coal on the Ice

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Gliding quite closely above the nearest steamship, the airplane threw down the 112-pound food and coal containers, and flew on to the next ship to unload another cargo. The airmen could see the crews leaping from the decks onto the ice and dragging the provisions aboard. Where the ships had no radio, a code of flags was arranged between planes and vessels. One captain hit on the method of writing his wants in coal dust on the new-fallen snow.

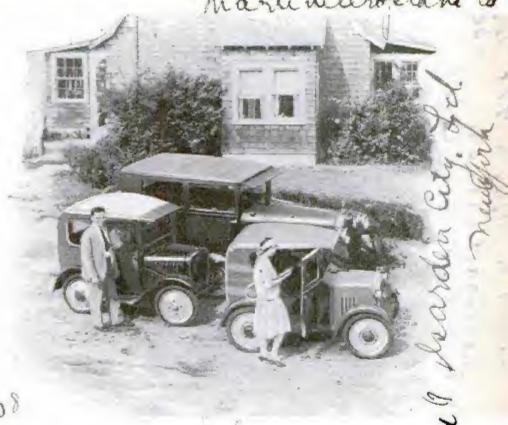
WHAT MAKES A GOOD PILOT? 330

What is the most desired characteristic in the student pilot? A. F.

Arcier, vice president of the General Airplanes corporation, says an infinite capacity for detail plus unlimited patience are the most essential needs. Natural flying instinct is merely the unification of the several characteristics. The student who knows no limit in the study of every detail of aeronautical science, offers in his vigilance and attention to duties the best formula for flying safety, and is to be preferred to the man who learns to fly more quickly, but with a careless disregard of the fundamentals of operation. Impatience, carelessness and lack of knowledge of the fundamentals of flying were blamed for the majority of air accidents due to man failure rather than machine failure.

READY-SLICED LOAF OF BREAD

Ready-sliced loaves of bread, coming to the housewife evenly cut and packed in a pasteboard tray wrapped in waxed paper, are now on the market. The bread is sliced automatically as it comes from the oven, the operation enabling it still to retain its flavor and moisture. The sliced bread saves time, particularly in making toast and sandwiches,



Four Wheels and a Body Containing an Engine Constitute These Baby Autos, Which Have Neither Chassis Nor Chassis Frame

BABY AUTO WITH NO CHASSIS HAS PACKING-BOX GARAGE

Weighing only 600 pounds, and with a sixty-inch wheelbase, a baby automobile, constructed by a New York man, is to be placed on the market at a price around \$200 and probably will be distributed through a mail-order house. The tiny car is unique in construction, consisting essentially of a body with an engine in it and four wheels. There is no chassis or chassis frame, each wheel being independently mounted on the body. In place of springs, rubber "aviation cord," such as is used in the landing gear of airplanes, is used. There is little rebound from bumps despite the lightness, because each wheel acts independently. The car is fitted with a four-cylinder engine and has an electric starter and other necessary instruments. It comfortably seats two persons, and the maker claims it will travel fifty miles on a gallon of gasoline. It is planned to ship it in a weatherproof packing case with hinged door which will also serve as a garage. A man of ordinary strength can lift one corner of the car and shove it in or out of the box.

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Combining the X-Ray and Pantograph, as Shown, Eliminates the Negative in X-Ray Photography

X-RAY TRACING BY PANTOGRAPH ELIMINATES NEGATIVES

Combining an X-ray machine with pantographic principles, a scientist has obtained tracings of organs or bones without using a negative, sensitive plate or film of any kind. The operation is known as an orthodiagraphic examination, and the appliance that makes the tracing is termed an orthodiagraph. The patient estands in front of the X-ray which brings out bone and tissue on a visible plate plunger pump which can be quickly at-The operator traces the outlines thus revealed on a near-by sheet of paper by the water for cooling the cylinders at slowest pantographic method.

Cleritar Dosas VARIABLE PROPELLERS SEEN AS AIRCRAFT NEED

Airplane propellers that can be adjusted \(\) as to pitch while the plane is flying, are being developed and their successful adaptation will greatly increase the efficiency of sky craft, in the opinion of engineers. They point out that the propeller acts in the air as a screw does in wood. Its pitch is comparable to the pitch so dinary water gland. With only a scoop of a screw, that is, it is the distance the to provide circulation of water through screw will advance when turned once. In action of the propeller, sufficient water a propeller, the practical pitch is some- to keep the motor cool was supplied only what less than it would be theoretically, at fast speeds, it was found. Arranch el Caldenell

since the air is a less substantial medium than wood and a pitch that will produce the greatest efficiency at top-speed level flying, for instance, is not the best for climbing, starting or other maneuvers. If the pitch of the blades can be changed at will, the pilot will be able to achieve for his plane somewhat the same flexibility as the motorist accomplishes with his car by means of the gear shift. Various methods have been tried for controlling the blades. What some engineers regard as the most promising is a small electric motor, operated by a storage battery, geared to the propeller and enabling the pilot to change the pitch of the blades. One of the drawbacks to the control systems already introduced is that the apparatus adds too much to the weight of the ship. It is believed, however, that the electric-motor plan can be developed without great increase in weight, and what added burden there is will be more than offset by the great advantage of the adjustable blades. On heavy transport planes, the gearing of propellers to decrease the speed of the engine as applied to the propeller, is expected to come into extensive use where

OUTBOARD MOTOR IS COOLED BY AUXILIARY PUMP

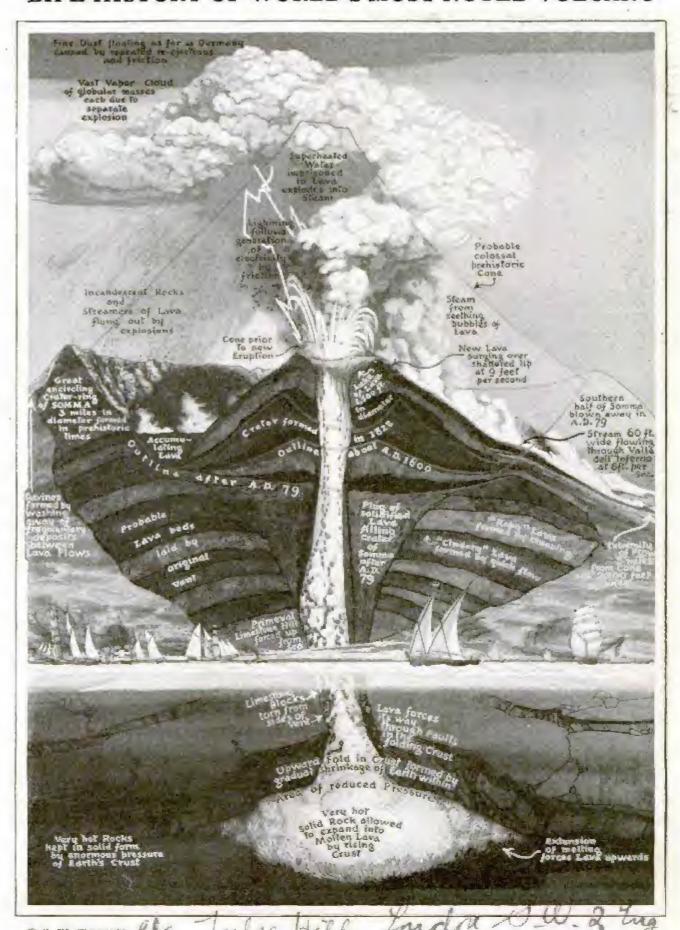
more than one motor is employed.

For use on a lightweight high-speed outboard motor recently placed on the market, there is provided an auxiliary tached and provides a steady stream of



trolling speeds. A bronze cam is attached to the propeller shaft in place of the customary acorn nut and the auxiliary pump fastens on the pressure-flow scoop with a pin and has a gland fitting into an or-

LIFE HISTORY OF WORLD'S MOST NOTED VOLCANO



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Practicing Service Shots with the Aid of "Machine Gun" That Fires Tennis Balls at Player at Twelve Different Speeds

MACHINE GUN SERVES TENNIS BALLS TO PLAYERS

To aid tennis players in strengthening their returns on services, a machine gun to serve the balls has been developed. The gun holds a load of thirty-six balls and can be adjusted to fire them at the player at twelve different speeds.

PHONE LANGUAGE IS SOUGHT FOR INTERNATIONAL USE

What is the best language to use for international communication by telephone? Interesting facts have been revealed as the result of experiments with the various tongues. Italian is the most easily understood with German, English and French next in the order named. On the other hand, it is important to have a

language in which the most can be said in the shortest time. From this standpoint, French ranked first, then came English, German and Italian. In general, the longer words are better understood, while short words have the advantage of speed.

SEVEN THOUSAND PLANES OPERATE UNDER LICENSE

There are 7,117 planes of all types operating under license or identification numbers of the department of commerce, while 14,850 applications for pilots' air licenses were received during the first six months of 1929. Twelve states have more than 100 licensed airplanes, New York heading the list with 735, while California is second with 519. Illinois has 300 and Pennsylvania is fourth with 244. Of the planes regis-

tered, 4,232 are licensed and 2,885 bear identification numbers. Computed on the basis of 1928 population estimates, California is the most "air-minded," with one plane for every 8,778 persons, while the District of Columbia ranks second with one for 9,200 persons. The market for open land biplanes is the largest in numbers with 2,991 such craft licensed, and cabin land monoplanes are next in favor with 1,093 licensed. Three states have less than five planes licensed or identified. Nevada has two, New Mexico, three, and Maine, four. Nineteen of the states have more than fifty each.

PISTOL SHOOTS POISON SPRAY AT FLIES AND MOSQUITOES

Artillery, in the form of a toy pistol which fires a charge of poison at insects,

is the latest weapon against flies, mosquitoes, spiders and other pests. The gun fires the concentrated poison spray on the insect, which expires in a few seconds. It is cocked by pressing the handle and fired by a trigger.



Spray Gun That Fires a Stream of Poison to Kill Insects; It Is Cocked by Pressing the Handle

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Using the artificial "lung" recently developed for rescue work when men are trapped in submarines, twenty - six officers and bluejackets of the navy safely ascended from the after hatch of the reconstructed submarine "S-4" far below the surface during a successful test a few weeks ago. In some respects the lung resembles a gas mask. It consists of anoxygen bag with a container of soda lime in one. corner. A tube leads from the oxygen compartment and from the lime canister to a mouthpiece, and the entire lung is strapped loosely about the neck and body. nose clamp is provided tokeep from drawing in salt C water through the nostrils. The feature of the mouthpiece is the rubber flange which fits inside the lips and against the

teeth and gums to form a firm and watertight grip. In conducting the rescue tests with the device, use was made of a newly developed telephone set by which persons on the pier could talk clearly to the men in the submerged submarine.

PLANE IS TOWED BY DIRIGIBLE AFTER CONTACT IN AIR

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That passengers may be transferred between dirigibles and airplanes while both craft are in motion was demonstrated successfully at the air races in Cleveland when a plane made contact with the "Los Angeles"; a man climbed down into the cockpit from the big bag and was soon flying away in the plane. The dirigible is fitted with a ladder arrangement that is lowered from about the middle of the underside of the ship to provide a grip for



Plane Safely Hooked to the "Los Angeles"; Engineers Predict This System . Will Be Used to Transfer Passengers

the airplane's hook. This latter unit is so arranged that it does not interfere with the usual operations of the plane and is raised in contact position simply by pulling a cord near the pilot's seat. Great skill is needed on the part of the plane's pilot and the operators of the dirigible in making a contact of this kind and the weather conditions must be suitable.

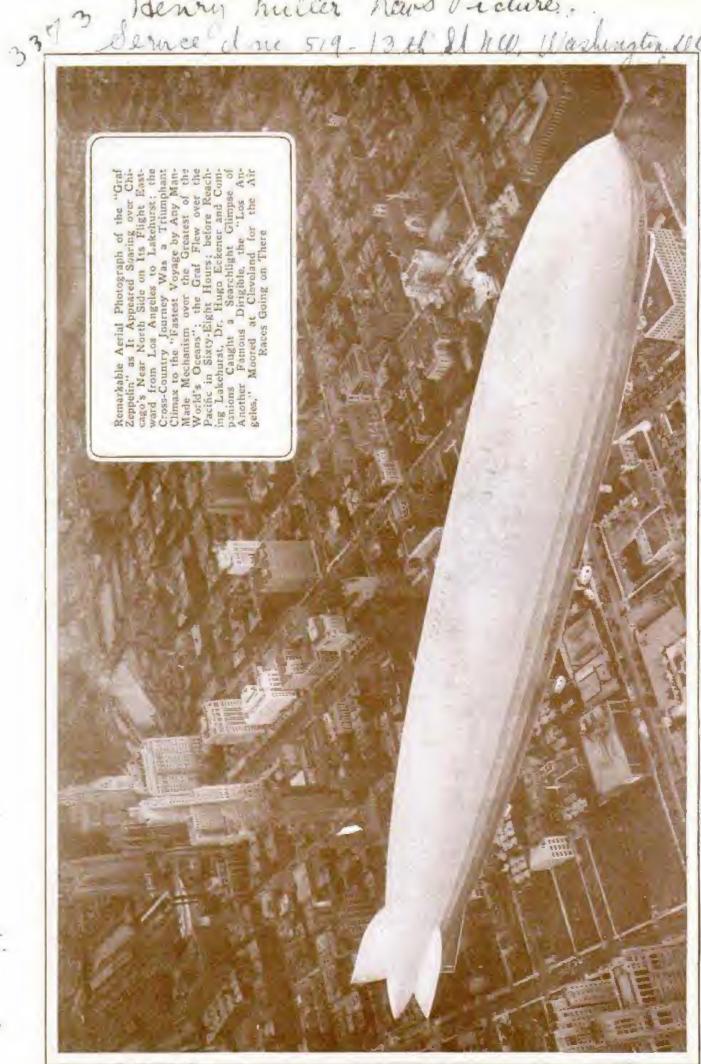
ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT IN MINE

Workers in a large western mine, deprived of sunlight because they labor far below the ground, are henceforth to be provided with artificial sunshine. An ultraviolet-ray solarium, capable of treating 150 persons an hour, is to be installed in the "dry" room of the plant. It is expected to aid greatly in keeping the workmen in good health.

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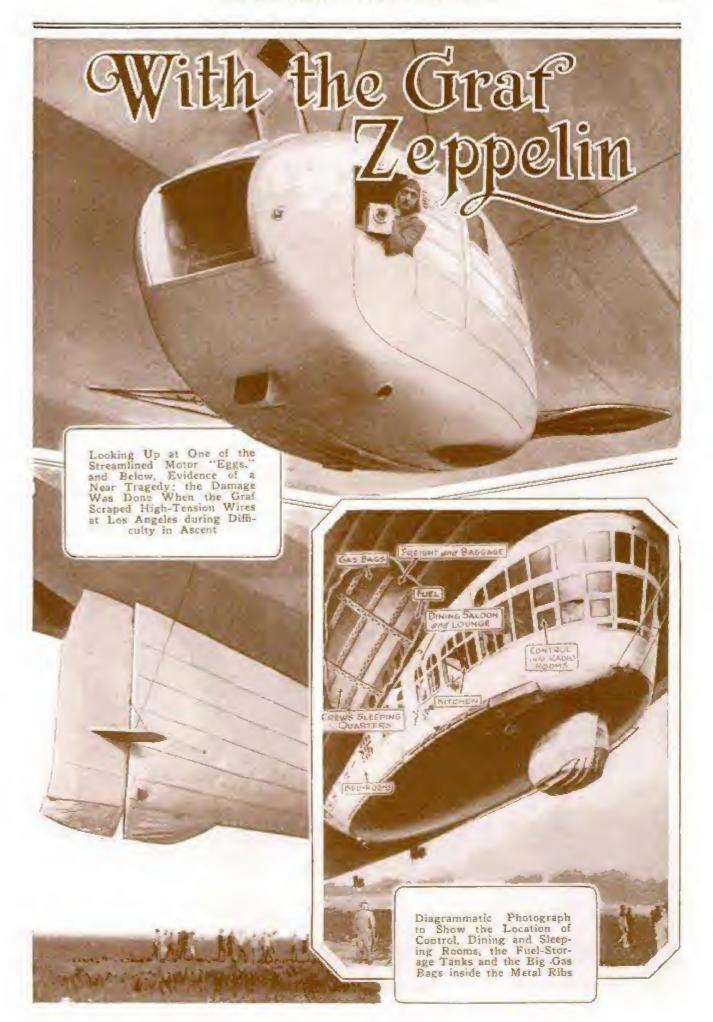
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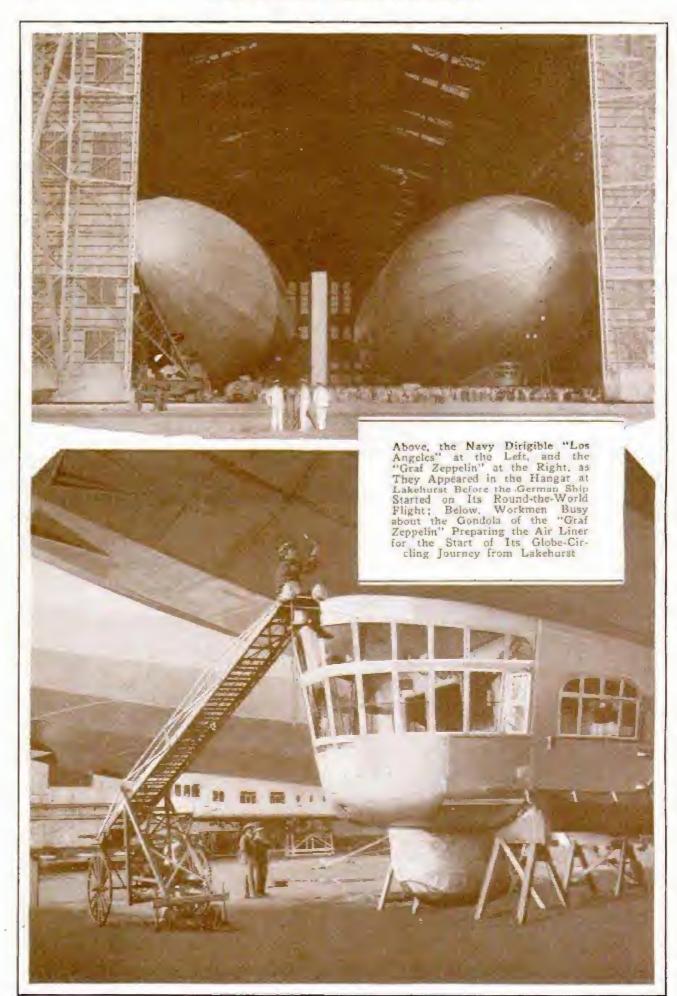
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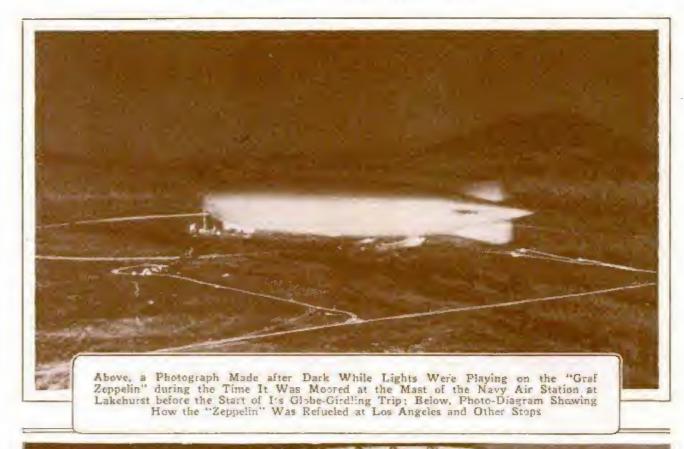


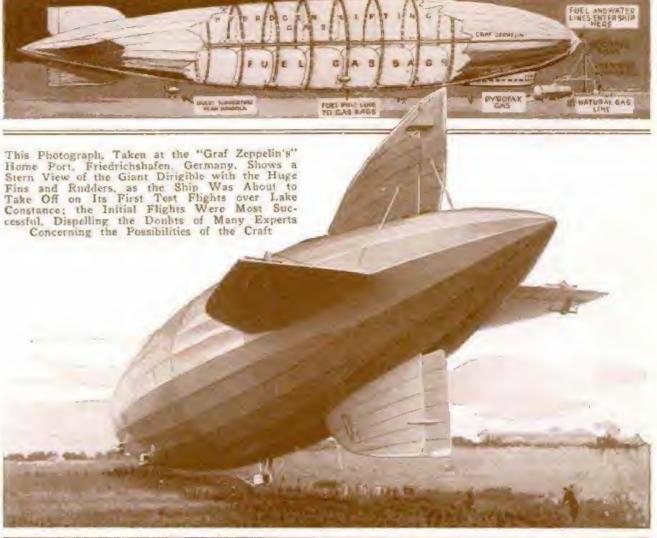
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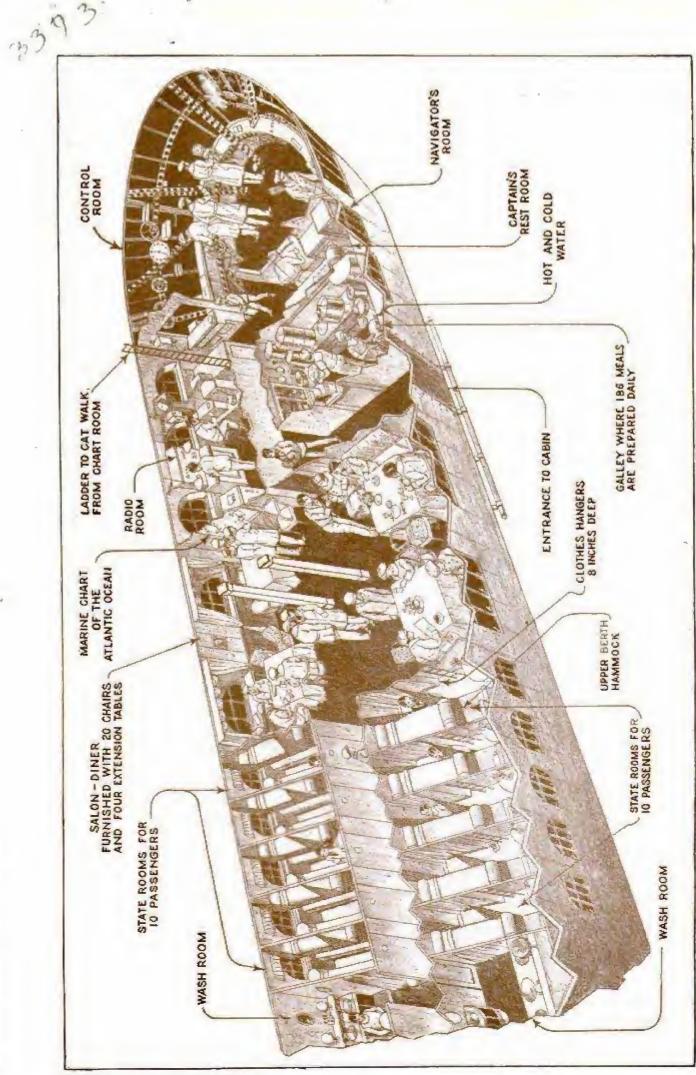








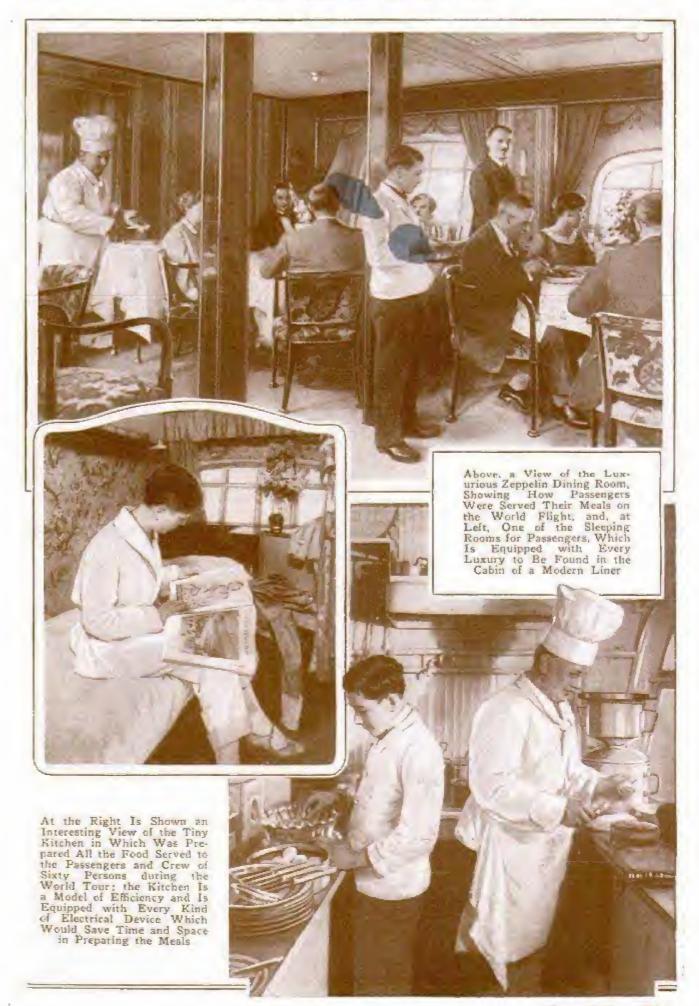




Above Is an Artist's Drawing of the Interior of the Zeppelin's Luxurious Condola, Showing the Arrangement of State Rooms for Passengers, the Dining Salon, Chart Room and the Navigator's Quarters

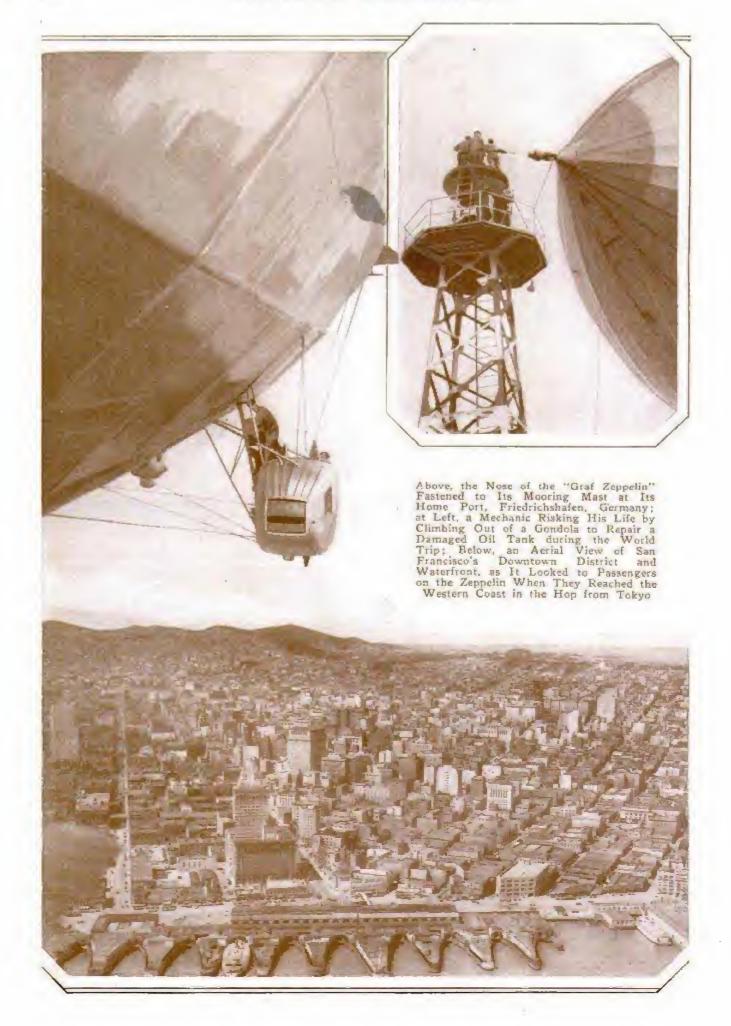


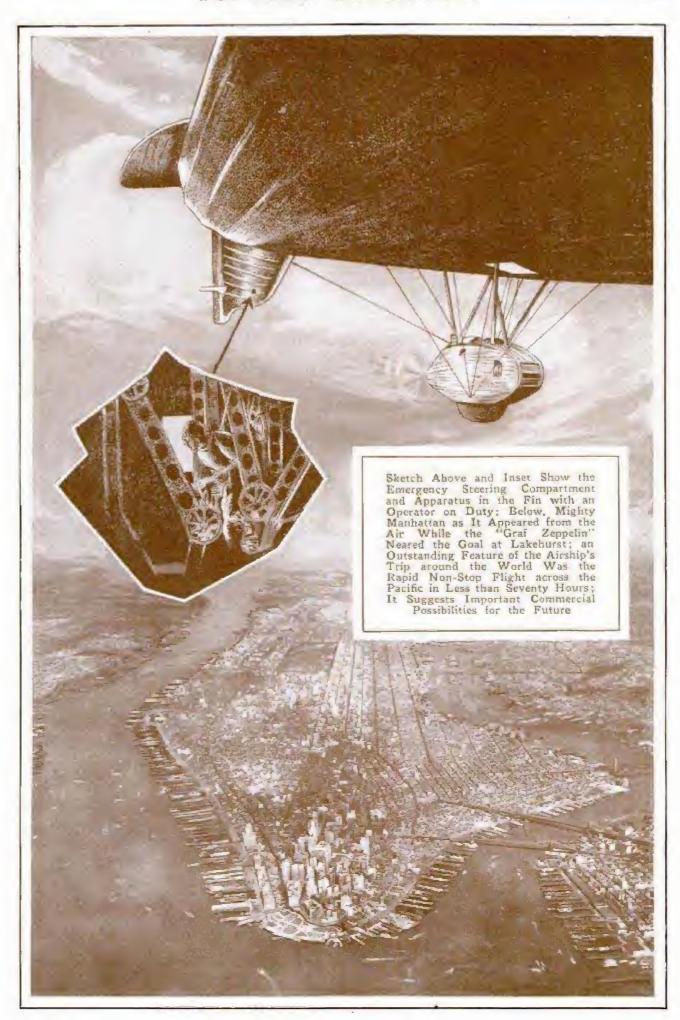




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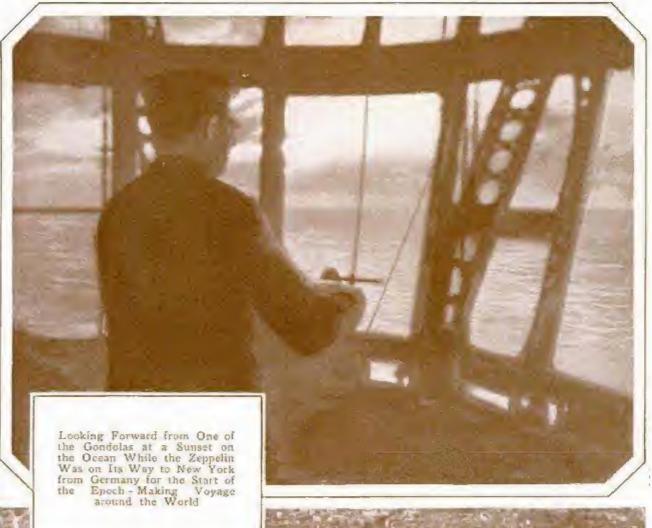


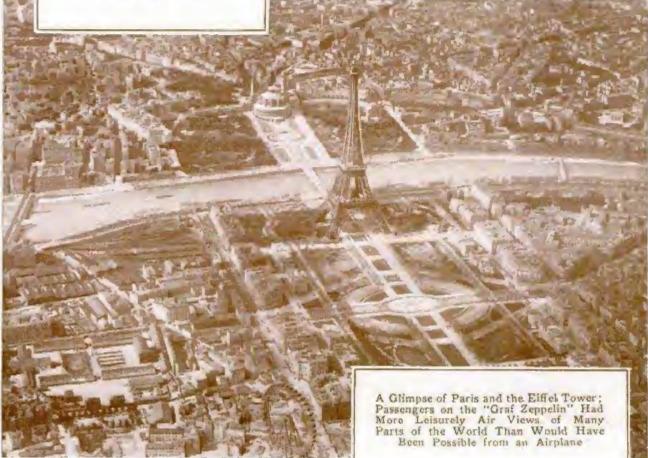


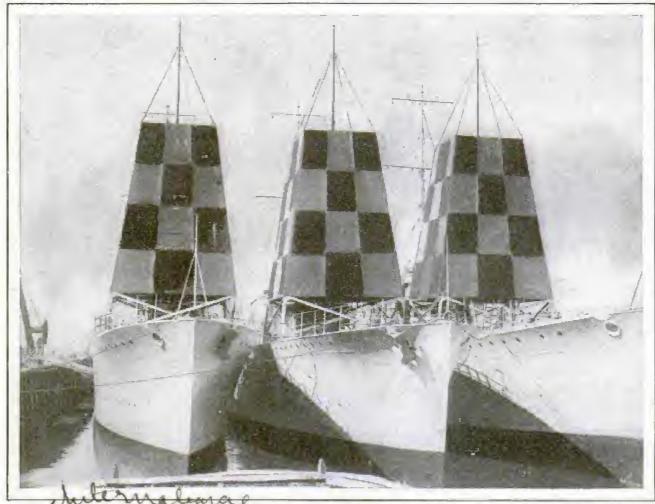


How the Graf Was Moored at Mines Field, Los Angeles, After It Had Been Halted a Moment before the Administration Building on the Airport; Note the Number and Position of the Squads of Men Needed to Handle the Big Craft and Walk It Safely to the Mast

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Destroyers Fitted to Serve as Markers in the Schneider Cup Races; the Distinctive Pattern and Colors of the Pylons Make Them Visible for a Considerable Distance

PYLONS BORNE ON DESTROYERS ARE AIR-RACE MARKERS

Three British destroyers were outfitted with pyramid-shaped pylons mounted on their forward decks, to serve as markers in the Schneider cup races. The pylons carried on the ships marked the turning points for the competing planes.

PENCIL WRITES THREE COLORS WITH INTERCHANGING LEADS

Capable of writing in any one of three colors by simply pressing a button, a handy pencil which saves the time of artists, designers and draftsmen is now on the market. The pencil carries black, blue



and red leads, any one of which may he drawn out of position and another in-

serted by pressure of the finger. The pencil also may be fitted with yellow, green or indelible leads, and comes in a variety of exterior colors.

CATTLE THRIVE ON IRON RUST

By the addition of common iron rust to the diet of cattle tested at Iowa State college, beneficial results have been obtained in recent experiments. For eight months several groups of cattle were fed different rations, and at the end of the period, it was found that those which had the rust added to their rations had gained almost one-third more in weight than those which had been given the normal plain feed. An ounce of rust was given daily to each of the animals.

Ten per cent of the areas of the national parks will be open to travel when the present ten-year road-building program is completed. Research askw. for woodlen and

TESTER FOR FABRIC SHOWS DEFECTS IN WEAVING

Knitted fabrics of various kinds are automatically tested with an interesting apparatus developed by a British inventor. It reveals irregularities in the finished textiles and also enables the inspectors to trace and correct the cause of defects, such as result from improper variation in the tension on the threads during the knitting operation.

FLEXIBLE SHAFT IS COUPLING FOR SHOP TOOLS 3 35

Increasing the usefulness of the average workshop, a flexible-

shaft assembly is on the market that can be fastened to the shaft of an electric motor while the other end is equipped with attachments for various kinds of work. The assembly consists of an outer flexible steel casing, inside of which a shaft made of layers of piano wire rotates. Threaded ends permit fastening of a drive coupling to one end, and to the other adapters for a drill chuck, polishing and grinding wheels, small saws, groovers, routing cutters, wire scratch wheels and a carbon-removing brush.



Flexible Shaft Which Provides a Coupling between a Portable Motor and Workshop Tools



A Canoe Made into a Sailboat by Adding Outrigger Beams and Stabilizers; an Engine Also May Be Attached

OUTRIGGER CANOE A SAFE BOAT FOR SAIL OR MOTOR

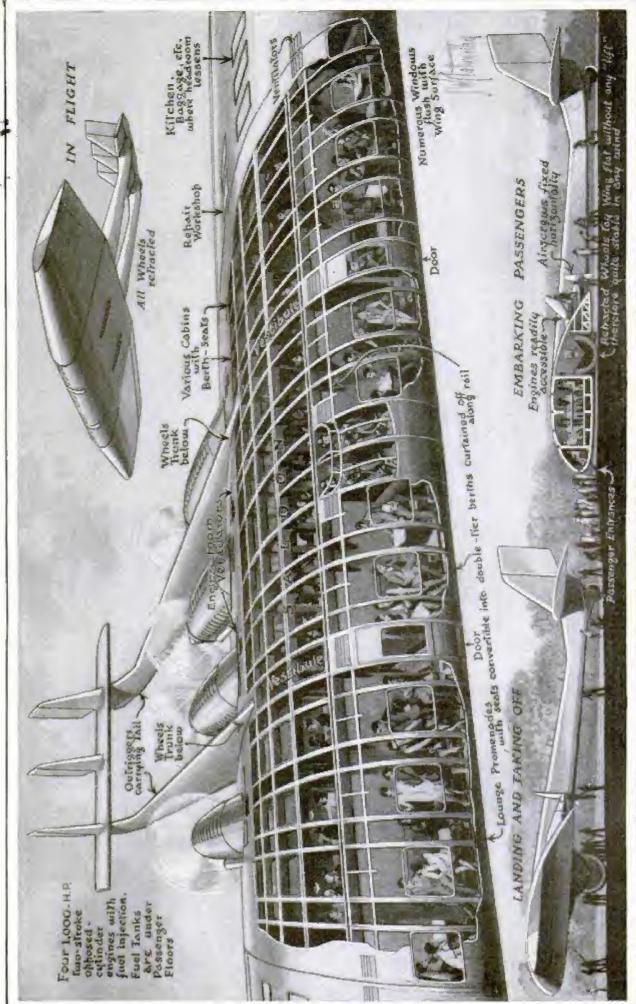
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Canoeing has not only been made safe, but the thrills of sailing and motor-boating have been added to it, with the provision of outrigger beams to which stabilizers are attached. Two flexible spruce outrigger beams are used, metal air-tight stabilizers being attached to each end, making capsizing virtually impossible. With this arrangement, the canoe also may be equipped either with sails or with an outboard motor. In the latter case, . a full canopy over the boat is provided. The equipment may be attached to any cance in a few minutes without marring the craft, and one of its principal advantages is that it has a draft of only a few inches, and thus the boat may be used in very shallow water.

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Drawing of the Junkers Ship Which, It Is Planned, Will Be Driven by Four 1,000-Horsepower Engines and Will Carry 100 Passengers in Huge Wings, Nine Feet Thick and with a 240-Foot Span; There Is No Fuselage, Everybody and Everything Being Contained in the Wings

R. W. Schroeder

The Future
of Air Travel

RECENT altitude flights, the development of the variable-pitch propeller, better fuels and more efficient planes have awakened new interest in the practical side of high flying. Engineers assert that aviators will be reaching 75,000 feet in the near future. At 30,000 to 45,000 feet, where the stratosphere begins, with its favorable constant winds, a ship, it is believed, might skim from Los Angeles to New York in eight hours. Several thousand feet higher, even greater speeds could be made. Such heights will not be attained with present equipment, but



Above, Fur-Lined Suit, and Oxygen Mask and Tank for Flying in Rarefied Air; Below, Model of Forty-Passenger, Twenty-Ton Junkers Ship, Compared with an Ordinary Four-Passenger Plane

authorities declare that the utilization of the upper altitudes, the speedways of the skies, is the next step in flying, and they confidently predict that what is considered a daring altitude "stunt" today, will be an everyday occurrence tomorrow.

High flights are constantly revealing secrets of the skies. Several important developments in flying progress are directly due to the "Columbuses of the upper air," who have been confident that, high over our heads, lie faster and therefore shorter routes to distant lands. It is a fact not generally known that some of the improved gasolines widely enjoyed in motoring and in aviation today, are the outcome of a better fuel prepared especially

for Maj. R. W. Schroeder, pioneer altitude flyer, for his record-breaking flights of ten years ago. The flow meter, a valuable instrument to tell how much gasoline per hour the engine consumes in flying, was originated by Major Schroeder and developed by engineers under his direction. Altitude flying has given impetus to the development of the variable-pitch propeller, promised for practical use almost any day. With this device, on which the blades can be changed in pitch to give the ship greater efficiency on take-offs and at cruising speeds, airplanes will be given something of the flexibility and · added power attained by the gear-ratio arrangement in an automobile.



tion. Compressed by the supercharger and by the pistons of the motor, it would burn and supply power for flight. "If a plane were powerful enough to reach such a height, it could remain there for an indefinite length of time and could cover any distance at a speed of 3,000 miles an hour, using the atmosphere as a fuel," declares B. V. Korvin-Kroukovsky, aeronautical engineer, in a recent article in Aviation. "To be able to do so, however, it must possess about forty times the minimum power it requires for horizontal flight at sea level."

High flights have led to many improvements in aerial photography and in flying instruments. To keep clockwork mechanisms on barographs and other instruments from stopping, due to thickening of oil at high altitudes, engineers have learned to substitute a few grains of graphite for ordinary lubricants. Heated flying suits and cameras, their shutters

kept warm so that they will not become brittle and fly to pieces in the cold air, improved goggles and better breathing apparatus are a few other developments contributed by altitude flying. However, much of this pioneer equipment will not be needed in the future, for aviators will ride the high levels in air-tight cabin planes. They will breathe air at sea-level pressure all the way, through the operation of a supercharger similar to that used supply the engine. Since Major Schroeder made the first flights at high altitudes with a supercharger, this instrument has been greatly improved, until now one is visioned, capable of supplying a plane at an altitude of 200,000 feet. At such a height, the mixture of hydrogen . and oxygen in the air is right for combus-



Above, Plane Equipped with Supercharger for Attaining Great Altitudes; Below, a Photograph of Indiana Landscape from 39,250 Feet

Such extreme altitudes probably will not be attained in the immediate future, but man will soon be sailing along the lower stratosphere where there are no clouds, no fogs, no disturbing air currents, only constant conditions favorable to progress.

According to Major Schroeder, whose official altitude record of 33,113 feet stood for several years, man will sail the upper air for the chief reason that there lies the greatest speed, and speed is the supreme aim in aviation.

"Picture an automobile road eight miles from your city, a road that is traveling 100 miles an hour in the direction you want to go," he said in talking over some phases of altitude flying. "Suppose your automobile makes 100 miles an hour. In



Here Is an Airplane Constructed Especially for Attaining High Altitudes; Experiments with Such Ships Are Considered Important Because Great Sky Liners of the Future Expect to Utilize the Upper Air Strata

order to enjoy extra-rapid progress toward your destination, you naturally would drive upon this traveling road. Now, tip this magic highway eight miles up in the sky and you have a fair idea of the great speedway that is up there waiting for us. We probably know more about the bottom of the ocean than we do of the extreme upper air, so that this region is one of mystery, but we do know that it is suited to flying in spite of its extreme cold and the rare atmosphere. In some ways, it is an ideal region, for conditions are constant. There are no storms or fogs. The air is so dry that when frost forms on the plane, it quickly drifts or is blown off.

"Present improvements in superchargers, propellers, engines and planes, all point to the practicability of further exploration and use of the higher altitudes. An air-tight cabin plane will have to be built. Before leaving the army, I had started construction on such a cabin. Occupants of the plane will be comfortably

supplied with air at sea-level pressure from a supercharger. A man needs only 300 cubic feet of fresh air per hour while a 425-horsepower engine requires more than 42.000 cubic feet of air an hour, so it ought not to be difficult to keep passengers and crew breathing under sea-level conditions.

"Planes for these high altitudes will be specially constructed. With the present type of ship and propellers, it takes too long to reach high altitudes. The fast express air liner of the upper lanes will have broad wings for steep climbing, a variable-pitch propeller and a reliable supercharger. The supercharger is intended to keep the carburetor supplied with air at sea-level pressure, no matter how rare the surrounding atmosphere may be. This is extremely important, for, at little more than 20,000 feet, the air is only half as dense as it is at sea level and, at about 80,000 feet, its density is reduced twentyfive times. Without a supercharger, a motor loses more than half of its original

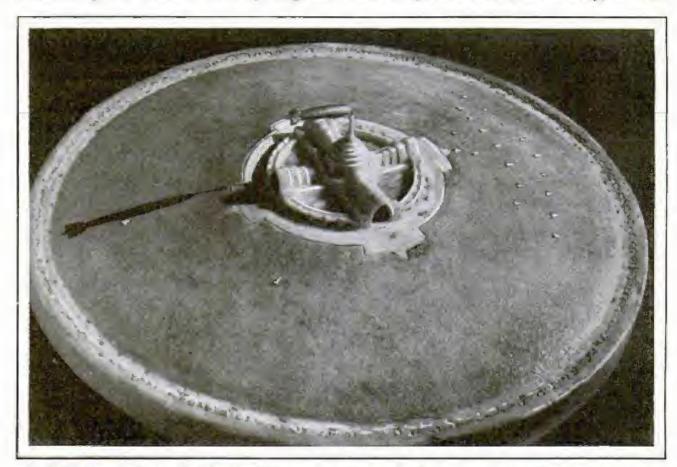
horsepower at an altitude of 20,000 feet, while, at 45,000 feet, only about ten per cent of the original power is available.

"We do not know much about the winds in the stratosphere, but what little we have discovered shows that they probably will be of great aid. There are dependable currents from the west at 30,000 feet and higher. Speeds of 300 miles an hour from Los Angeles or San Francisco to New York will be common because of these winds at high altitudes, so that I regard non-stop flights of eight hours between the coasts, from west to east, as a practical certainty just as soon as the proper planes are constructed."

One of the chief instruments the high flyer of the future will use, says Major Schroeder, is the ordinary thermometer. When it ceases to register any lower temperatures, the aviator will know that he has reached the stratosphere and can level off with the constant anti-trade winds in his favor. This low temperature probably prevails for a considerable altitude above the troposphere, or lower level of the atmosphere, at a comparatively constant point around seventy degrees

below zero. From observations taken by means of weather balloons, at a station near the equator, at an altitude of 15,000 to 45,000 feet, southwest counter trade winds are found. From 45,000 feet to 60,000 feet is a level of upper easterly winds which change to westerly at levels between 60,000 feet and 75,000 feet, while the section between 75,000 and 90,000 feet is swept by easterly winds. Aviators therefore would be able to take advantage of the various wind directions at different elevations when extreme altitudes are accessible.

One of the interesting developments in high flying is the relative ease with which a high altitude is attained now as compared with the time when Major Schroeder battled his way to a height where his eyeballs froze and he was compelled to descend when exhaust fumes from the motor poured into the cockpit with blinding and suffocating results. His barograph later showed that when he lost consciousness, he fell from the peak of his flight, 38,180 feet, to about 1,500 feet in two minutes and eleven seconds. Not long ago, Lieut. Apollo Soucek, of the navy, climbed



A Model, Done in Soap, of a "Beehive" Airport, Including, in the Center, an 850-Foot Hotel with a Dirigible Mooring Mast, and, Below the Surface, Tunnels for Autos, Subways and Railroads

to 39,140 feet with nothing more unpleasant than a feeling of weakness and dizziness and eyes that pained him in the extreme cold. A few days later, he made a world's record in the same plane, fitted with pontoons.

Capt. St. Clair Streett and A. W. Stevens, of the army, reached a height of 40,220 feet, by their altimeter, after a grind of an hour and twenty minutes. They had six quarts of liquid oxygen and suffered relatively little discomfort, although the throttle was frozen and they had to descend carefully to

34,000 feet where the throttle thawed out. The plane's gasoline was exhausted and they landed. In the early days of flying, heights of a few hundred feet were considered remarkable, and experts predicted that planes would meet their chief drawbacks in the form of land obstacles. Having learned to fly in the roughest and stormiest air, man is now directing his attention to the quiet altitudes nearer the stars.

BABY TROUT EAT HORSE MEAT

Ground horse meat is the diet on which baby trout thrive at a fish farm in Beaver Crossing, Nebr. Elimination of freshwater algæ, well aerated water, clean pools and the horse meat were found to be the principal requirements of a successful fish hatchery. The small fry are hatched on the premises in wooden troughs filled with water from artesian wells which flows over aerators. When the fish are four inches long, they are moved to concrete pools which are painted with lime to keep down the growth of algæ. The fish grow to a length of eight or nine inches in less than a year, at which time they are worth about a quarter each and weigh three to the pound,

[Goldfish sometimes live for thirty years.



This House, Constructed to Look Like a Pensive White Puppy, Serves to Advertise a Roadside Hot-Dog Stand in California

HOUSE LOOKING LIKE PUP ADVERTISES HOT DOGS

Constructed to resemble a pensive white puppy, a house in California serves to advertise the hot-dog stand of the owner. The dog house is located near Los Angeles and attracts much attention from passing tourists.

ALARM CLOCK STARTS MUSIC TO AWAKEN SLEEPER 3 2 5 2

Music replaces the shrill ringing of a bell to awaken the sleeper in a combined alarm clock and phonograph now on the market. The clock is set for the rising time when it starts the record playing.



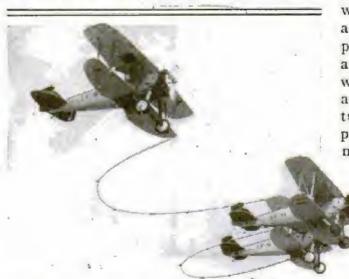
Alarm Clock Attached to a Phonograph Awakens You with Your Favorite Record

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THREE PLANES TIED TOGETHER LOOP THE LOOP AT ONCE

Such great flying skill has been developed by fighting squadron No. 1 of the



Navy Planes, Bound to Each Other with Ropes in Groups of Three Are Looping the Loop Together

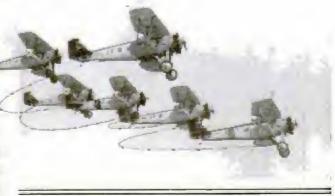
U. S. S. "Saratoga" that the nineplane formation loop the loop together, each group of three ships being tied to each other by ropes forty feet long. The navy does not permit stunting, so the flyers call the feat "aerobatics leading to flight proficiency." In flying these dangerous formations, the wing tips of the various groups are only fifteen feet apart. The planes take off in three sections known as the "Vee of Vee's," move into a nine-plane "V," shift into what is known as an echelon of echelons, then loop the loop in three-plane formations without breaking the lines.

JARS OF WATER INSIDE PIANO G REDUCE HEAT DAMAGE

To counteract the effects of hot, dry air upon his piano during the winter, E. J. Disler, expert tuner of Tiffin, Ohio, has had success in placing six truit jars, filled with water, inside the cabinet of the upright. He is careful to keep the containers filled and to adjust them so that they will not touch strings or sounding board. The jars are removed in the spring, "An ideal temperature for a piano would be about sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit the year around," Mr. Disler declared, "Such conditions cannot be secured in the

average home, hence every effort should be made to prevent the piano from being damaged by hot air that has too little moisture. The heart of the piano is the sounding board. Since this is made of wood, it naturally is affected by moisture and temperature. Remember, when a piano gets out of tune, that its volume and tone quality are greatly impaired as well as its pitch. There is no general rule as to how often an instrument should be tuned in a year, two times at a minimum, perhaps. The old idea that a piano should never be placed against an outside wall has

gone by the boards with the advent of modern heating. In winter when the house is likely to be overheated.



an outside wall is often the best place for the piano. Put the instrument in the coolest place in the house in winter; any spot where the piano is not directly exposed to a draft from between two windows." One of the chief reasons why pianos get out of tune, Mr. Disler explained, is that the hot, dry air causes the sounding board to shrink, resulting in a change in the tension of the strings.

WHALES TO BE ELECTROCUTED WITH CHARGED HARPOONS

Whales in future will be electrocuted, if an invention which has been tested is taken up by whaling companies. Norwegian engineers have devised a method of killing them instantly with electric currents in the harpoons. Three whales were killed in this manner in tests off the Faroe islands. The invention is considered of great value, because the number of whaling vessels could be reduced.

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CANCER CURE FOR RATS FOUND BUT UNTRIED BY HUMANS

Discovery of a compound that dissolved and apparently cured cancer in 1,000 rats and mice in a few days has been announced to the International Physiological congress, although the treatment has not been tried on human beings as yet. It is injected hypodermically into the cancer and its effect literally is to cause the malignant cells to breathe themselves to death. The process is termed oxidation, and means the abnormal cells get more oxygen than would filter through to them from breathing. Instead of trying to poison the cancer, the treatment consists of speeding up the natural activities of the body cells, thus working it to death. A young Russian who evolved the process said his attention was arrested by the fact that in humans suffering from cancer the cortex of the suprarenal glands showed effects apparently traceable to the cancer. An extract of these glands in their healthy state is the basis of his compound. To this extract, called corferrol, is added iron and pyrrol blue, a coal-tar product.

VENTILATOR IN REAR WINDOW OF AUTOMOBILE 3355

Ventilation of closed automobiles without creating heavy draft is made possible by the use of a rear-window ventilator that takes the place of the usual stationary back window. It consists of two glass plates, each in a metal frame attached to a rod, by means of which the ventilator may be tilted inward or out-The operation is similar to the



transom above doors and the ventilator is used particularly in cold weather when opening windows would cause a draft.



These Accomplished Stilt Walkers Are Employed in Training Vines in an English Hop Garden

WORKERS ARE PUT ON STILTS TO TRAIN HOPS

Employes in the hop gardens of Kent, England, are accomplished stilt walkers. The workmen are equipped with long stilts which serve instead of ladders when they train the young hops over the tops of poles and give other care to the vines.

TIRE DUST CAUSE OF SKIDDING

Rubber dust is blamed for skidding in Sdry weather by an official of a British automobile club who has conducted tests in an effort to determine the cause. Dust from the constant wear of thousands of Rear-Window Ventilator for the Auto, Operated Like 3 rubber tires, when mixed with ordinary the Transom over an Ordinary Door dust and water, he said, forms a particularly virulent form of grease. This, he believes, accounts for slippery roads after a long period of dry weather.

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Swooping Close to the Ground in a Tri-Motor Plane, Marine Corps Flyers Toss Out Supplies to a Detachment in Nicaragua



Rushing Serums and Other Disease Preventives to Stricken Areas Is an Important Part of the Pilots' Business in Times of Flood and Other Serious Disasters

By K. M. PAINTER

Manna from the clouds seems almost fantastic to the logical-minded twentieth century, yet the inhabitants of southeastern Alabama and western Florida were fed in this manner when the spring floods cut them off from civilization. Science has furnished the angel of mercy with wings, and hope is written in the skies.

In the early stages of the recent disaster, aircraft afforded the only means of reaching the flooded regions, and 3,000 loaves of bread, sixty cases of canned goods, twenty bushels of potatoes, twenty-five bundles of children's clothes, 100 blankets, and 1,500 newspapers were among the supplies distributed in this novel manner. Navy planes from the air station at Pensacola, Fla., were recruited, and made 113 flights totaling 15,000 miles. Registered mail valued at \$1,000,000 was dropped from the planes, and 5,000 pounds of ordinary mail winged its way to the refugees.

Although the flood was not as widespread as the Mississippi disaster of 1927,

nor as sudden as the New England flood of the same year, it will be remembered as the first disaster in which the air-ground message code, recently perfected by the Red Cross in co-operation with the army air corps, was used effectively over a large area. What to deliver and how much, so as to avoid waste and secure the proper distribution of supplies to the points where they were most needed, was ascertained by the flyers by means of the newly developed code. There was, however, an original difficulty which presented itself. How were the marooned flood victims, anxious to signal for those supplies which would stave off starvation, exposure, and disease, to do so. They did not know the code. The difficulty was overcome when special editions of a newspaper, carrying the entire code, were taken by the airplanes and dropped to the stranded people.

During the six days when the flood was at its highest, planes from Maxwell field, Ala., made 296 flights, an average of almost fifty each day, to deliver supplies and

ascertain the wants of the population, which was completely cut off from the outside world by means other than the air-ground code. In addition to food and medical stores, an outboard motor was dropped by parachute to a relief party along the bank of the river at Elba, Ala., in order to expedite the removal of inhabitants from roofs and tops of buildings. That rescue workers as well as flood victims may need help against the elements, was the discovery of Lieut. W. H. Higgins and Corporal Woodward of Langley field, who had been ordered to the flood area for duty. While they were patrolling a part of the inundated district, the motor of the airplane developed trouble and they were forced to land in the flood waters.

"I was scouting at about 100 feet, and we had just passed over several marooned people," recounted Lieutenant Higgins. "We still had our full load of 400 pounds of relief supplies, when suddenly the motor started violent vibration and the power dwindled to nothing. My first inclination was to jump, but knowing we were too low for that, I tried to make the open water in the stream of the Conecuh river. We lacked altitude for this, so I headed for an open space in the backwater. On account of the load, I was able to slow the machine down before striking the water. This was fortunate as I had no time to perform all the stabilizer-rolling business necessary for normal landings with an 'O-11.'

"We hit the water at only about sixty miles an hour, I heard something break about the time we hit, and no sooner had we touched than the plane whipped over on its back. This threw Corporal Woodward out and clear of the ship, but I was trapped in the cockpit with my parachute. I didn't know I could work as fast as I did, but somehow I got my safety belt unclasped and my parachute partly unfastened and got from under the machine. The parachute floated me to the top.

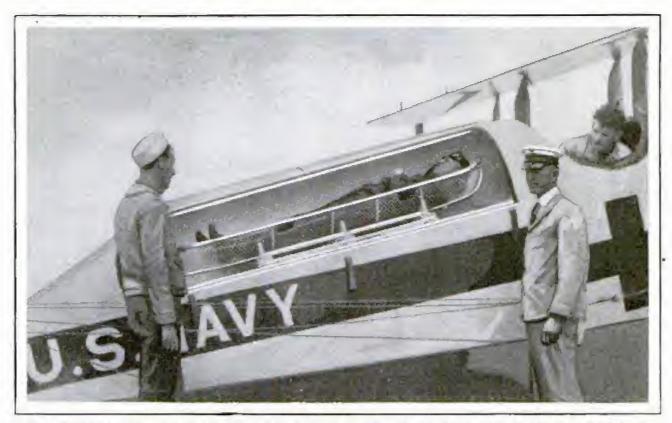
"Corporal Woodward had floated to a log jammed against some pine trees by the time I got up. I floated to him with my parachute. Then we ripped the pads from the parachutes to use as floats. That is what pads are for, but I had never used one before. When we got fixed up with 'life preservers,' we started out through the water for the river. I told Corporal Woodward to stay as close to the shore as possible. The current, however, bore him out into midstream and he soon outdistanced me. After swimming and floating downstream for about half a mile, I saw an old house sticking out of the water. I maneuvered to it, caught a part of the roof, and climbed inside. I found myself in the attic, surrounded by quilts and old clothes. This was quite agreeable, for I was cold and shivering, and decided that a change into dry clothes was

in order.

"Some men in a boat came along, and I joined them. Together we went in search of Corporal Woodward, and found him in the top of a pine tree. He had managed to get out of the main current and was swept, by a cross current, among the trees. The corporal was much disturbed as he had to fight with a polecat over his perch. Good, comfortable tree tops were scarce in that vicinity, and the polecat would not release its squatter rights without a struggle."



Submerged Sawmill and Town of Brewton, Ala.; the Mill Was Used as a Landmark by Rescue Pilots



An Ambulance of the Clouds; the U. S. Navy's New Hospital Plane, Which Affords Patients More Comfort and Much Greater Speed Than Would Be Possible in a Vehicle

But experiences like Lieutenant Higgins' are, fortunately, not everyday occurrences, else 90,000 miles could not have been covered by airplanes when they were recruited to combat the onslaught of water that flooded 20,000 square miles of the Mississippi valley two years ago. hundreds of little spots of high ground, behind the broken levees, the half million refugees huddled in search of safety. To assemble a fleet of boats sufficiently large to comb this area would have required weeks, but the planes met the crisis. It was not uncommon for an aviator to rush into the relief headquarters with a story of 500 or 1.000 refugees stranded on a levee with the water rising rapidly about them. A radio would begin sputtering directions to a rescue ship, and a few hours later, the half-clothed, starving, weary refugees would sight the ship battling the currents to get them,

While transportation by boat was necessary in rescue work, it was slow and tedious. In emergencies, airplanes were called into service, carrying medical supplies and doctors to outposts of the relief headquarters. From Arkansas City, Ark., came a radiogram to the Memphis headquarters: "Serious epidemic of dysentery. No medicine. Rush supplies." Immediately a plane was dispatched, and an hour and a half later delivered her precious cargo—thirty-five hours under boat time.

After the Florida hurricane disaster, when 6,281 injured persons were in danger of typhoid fever, Lieutenant Bissel flew from Langlev field, Va., to Miami, Fla., carrying typhoid antitoxin. When death rode the mighty torrent that swept down on Winooski valley, Vt., airplanes provided advantageous lookout towers, but because seaplanes were not obtainable, it was impossible for the pilots to land in the devastated area. As a result of the New England experiences, the first airplane-relief signal code was devised by the army air corps detachment. Afterward it was enlarged and adopted by the Red Cross, and first put into service in the recent Florida-Alabama flood disaster. The code employs the simplest form of visual signals, somewhat like those for use between ground troops and co-operating aircraft in war, in which those on the ground signal the plane with strips of white cloth laid flat upon the ground, and the plane signals with engine blasts caused by opening the throttle.

The use of the air ambulance by the French forces in Morocco, as well as elsewhere, has been common and has resulted



Aviators Are Doing Much to Curb Fires in Our National Forests; Flying at High Altitudes, They Have Wide Vision and Can Quickly Summon Aid

in the saving of life and elimination of much suffering, especially during the severe fighting on the Wargla front in Morocco, when the smaller monoplane machines went to the actual front line and brought back wounded to a relay post. twenty to thirty kilometers behind the battle line, from which they were taken in larger Breguet planes to surgical hospitals more than 100 kilometers away.

A recent report from Vice Consul Ellis A. Johnson tells of effective transportation service furnished by airplanes during the extremely severe ice-bound and snowbound conditions in Denmark. All other methods of transportation had failed, and every available plane in the country-of army, navy, and private flying companies -was pressed into service. Emergency calls for additional planes brought Dutch, German and Swedish airplanes to Denmark. Ice-bound ships, islands, and forts were supplied with food and medicines dropped from sixty airplanes which were operated daily during the entire period without a single accident.

But the airplane's rescue activities are not confined to the spectacular. Nearly every day brings with it disaster that calls eyes and wings of mercy have, since their

debut in the new role, effected varied res-Quite recently an isolated lightship keeper off one of the Virginia capes had good reason to be thankful when he was stricken with acute appendicitis. By radio he requested assistance and a patrol boat was rushed from the naval air station at Hampton Roads, Va. Less than half an hour later he was in a Norfolk hospital.

Such rescues, bordering on the miraculous, are making more and more air converts of skeptics; little wonder that airmindedness is on the upward trend.

ADJUSTABLE LIGHT FOR PLANES MAKES LANDING SAFER

To promote safety in landing and tak-Jing off, an adjustable searchlight for airplanes is mounted in a streamlined body in gimbals like a compass, so that it has



an adjustability range of thirty degrees in all directions. It is operated from the pilot's seat by pull wires and counteracting springs.

for emergency relief. Not long ago, dur- For small planes the lights are under each ing a rebel uprising, women were rescued wing tip, but for larger craft, fixed lights by airplane from a besieged legation on are at each wing tip and the adjustable the Indian frontier; to the vigilant eye of elight in the center. The lamps provide the airplane, the Bering sea yielded up an from 35,000 to 70,000 candlepower and ice-bound vessel given up for lost. The give strong illumination even at a height of 1,000 feet.

AIR POLICE USE SMOKE BOMBS TO SIGNAL ARRESTS

France has established an air-police patrol to operate over that country to control the movement of the large number of planes, particularly touring ships, that pass above French territory daily. Pilots failing to observe international air regulations face heavy fines. Police airplanes warn erring pilots by firing smoke bombs, all aircraft addressed in this manner being required to follow the police ship to the ground and land alongside it.

3 Los a ngue treonge a forme AIR IS NOT SO LIGHT

Similes such as "light as air" and "thin as air" are incorrect, as it would require an exceptionally strong person to carry a roomful of air any considerable distance if it were compressed into a suit case. One thousand cubic feet of air weighs seventyfive pounds and a room twenty feet long. ten feet wide and twelve feet high contains 180 pounds of air, a weight the carrying of which would prove a burden.

THERMOMETER FOR THE BLIND HAS RAISED FIGURES



Blind workers at a St. Joseph, Mo., craft shop are enabled to take temperature readings with an has the degrees marked in raised figures and also

employs the Braille system of lettering. A blind person may make a reading by touching the metal hand and following it to the gauge where his fingers reveal the temperature.

HOW GREATEST BRIDGE SPAN IS MADE SAFE

Measuring the exact capacity of the load that can be borne with safety by the longest bridge span in the world before it is constructed, has been made possible by erecting an exact miniature model of the steel arch that will be a part of the



Model of Longest Bridge Span Tested with W Weights,

Kill van Kull bridge which is to connect Staten island with the mainland of New York by way of New Jersey. The bridge and approaches will have a total length of 8,075 feet and will cost \$18,000,000. The span of the great arch will be 1,675 feet, and the structure, exclusive of approaches, is to contain 34,500,000 pounds of steel. It will have a clearance for vessels of 150 feet and the rise of the arch will be about 275 feet, the depth of the crown fifty-seven and one-half feet, and the two arch trusses will be seventy-five feet apart. The span is designed to carry indicator which . Tour lanes of traffic, two rapid-transit tracks and two sidewalks, all on one deck, The dead load of the main arch is 28,000 pounds per linear foot and the weight of the traffic is estimated at 6,000 pounds per linear foot of the whole bridge. Gauges placed on the model registered the bending of the structure even to thousandths of an inch when weights were applied. When the maximum load was applied at one end, the opposite end was raised as was the case with Brooklyn bridge a few years ago when the cables at one end snapped.

> ¶Accidents cost the United States a minimum of \$960,000,000 last year, of which automobile accidents accounted for about \$275,000,000.

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Two Views of a Coin-in-the-Slot Baseball Game, Which Is Operated by Two Players

COIN-IN-SLOT BASEBALL GAME TESTS PLAYERS' SKILL

One of the latest coin-in-the-slot amusement devices is an automatic baseball game, a complete inning of which is played for five cents, enabling two per-7 sons to represent rival teams and affording many of the thrills of a real game. The diamond and players, with a realistic crowded background representing a grandstand, are inclosed in an attractive cabinet, and upon the insertion of a coin Sperson using the in the slot, the game begins, electricity and gravity being the principal factors in Ismoke is dispersed the mechanical operation. A small steek and ventilation ball pops up from the umpire, falls into accomplished.

a socket in the tiny pitcher's hand and speeds forward as the pitcher is snapped toward the bat. This is operated by the human player, who swings it simply by pressing a small lever near the coin slot. The pitcher's position changes slightly, giving a variety of deliveries. Balls, strikes, outs, the position of the men on bases, in fact, a complete record of the game, play by play, are automatically registered by balls and moving signs on the scoring board at the right. Considerable skill is required to bring

in a big score, as much depends upon striking the ball at exactly the right moment. Since the game continues on paying only one nickel until there are three men out, a skillful player can prolong his amusement, Ten runs in a single inning is considered a good score. There are but few electrical parts to the cabinet, insuring little likelihood of breakdowns. Much of the cautomatic operation of the device is accomplished by the weight of the balls falling into the proper compartments.

ELECTRIC DESK LAMP AND FAN COMBINED IN ONE

Electric lamp and fan are combined in one article of desk furniture produced in Germany. The fan differs from the common type in that its blades, rotating on a vertical shaft, are arranged to form a condical surface parallel to the underside of

sthe lamp shade. QThis directs the air stream upward so that papers on the ylesk are left un-Udisturbed and the Sair does not strike Ithe head of the Zdesk, while cigar



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STRANGE HABITS OF INSECTS REVEALED BY SCIENTIST

While many kinds of flies, including the mosquito which is a member of the fly family, prey on man or animals or crops useful to man, it is unfair to conclude that they are utterly useless, says C. H. Curran, of the American Museum of Nat-This group of insects alsoural History. preys on major insect pests. For the most part parasitic flies attack caterpillars, beetles and beetle larvæ. Their methods are often most ingenious. In some cases the flies deposit thousands of eggs on low plants and grasses, depending on a caterpillar to come along and eat the leaf, swallowing the eggs along with it. When the egg hatches the maggot feeds on the cutworm which swallowed it. Mosquitoes are partly controlled by nature itself.

CIRCULAR SAW IS LUNCH TABLE FOR EIGHTEEN PERSONS

Eighteen persons were comfortably seated recently around luncheon tables, the tops of which were circular saws, 108 inches in diameter and weighing 795 pounds each, made by a saw-manufacturing company for a lumbermill at Longview, Wash. The saws are used in cutting giant logs, each having more than 150 removable teeth. They were utilized as tables at the opening of a branch factory at Portland, Oreg.



Circular Saws, Intended for Cutting Giant Logs, Here



One Hand Only Is Required to Operate This Aerial

AIR CAMERA WITH PISTOL GRIP WORKED WITH ONE HAND

Fitted with a pistol grip, an aircraft camera intended particularly for the owner-pilot, may be operated with one hand. The exposures are made by pressing a trigger similar to that of a revolver. The camera weighs a little over three pounds and takes pictures three and one-quarter by two and one-quarter inches, a standard size for films, thus making the cost of plates and other equipment low. The body is of aluminum and the shutter has instantaneous speeds up to one-hundredth of a second. The camera will not take roll films, but plate holders, film-pack adapter or focusing screen may be used.

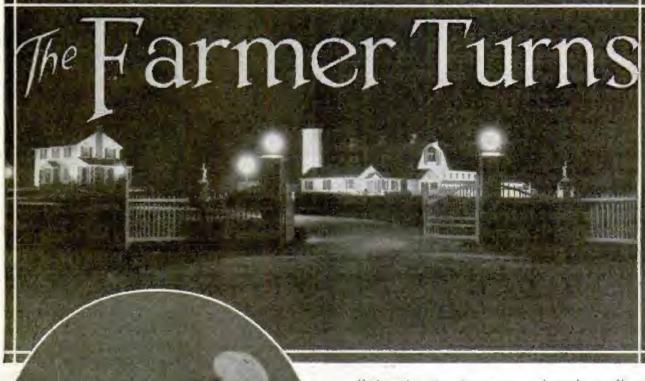
HEAT-PROOFED RAIL COACHES SUCCESSFUL IN TESTS 3

Summer passengers on trains of a western road may travel in greater comfort if recent tests in treating the coaches with heat-resisting materials are as successful as indicated. Aluminum paint and actinic glass are used. The paint for heat absorption has been known previously, but it had not been used on railroad equipment. The special window glass, heretofore used in India and Africa, cuts off about eighty per cent of the heat, while admitting about sixty-five per cent of the light. It is green in color and soothing to the eyes. The paint keeps out about twenty-five per cent of the heat radiated from the sun.

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lights in the haymow, electric radiant heat in the pigpen, and electrically driven implements from grindstones to threshing machines. And they even make hay now while it rains—with the help of electricity.

An authoritative count reveals 227 profitable uses for electricity on the farm. These range from A-battery eliminators, animal groomers and six other uses under "A." to bull tamers and twenty-one others under "B," down through twenty letters of the alphabet, to wood sawing at the bottom of the list. Electricity pumps the water, shreds the fodder, busks the corn, sep-

arates the milk, grinds bones, feed, fertilizer and sausage, cleans, bags and hoists grain into the bins, dries, bales and elevates hay, heats water, hotbeds and incubators, helps ventilation in the house and the stock barns, and also traps insects in the orchard and garden or thieves in the henhouse.

It cools or warms, sterilizes or pasteurizes, and bottles the milk. It hulls oats or sprouts them. It stimulates plant growth and furnishes refrigeration. It shears sheep and sprays whitewash and insecticides. In the farmhouse it does everything that electricity can do in the city home, including operation of the player piano.

In 1924, there were, in the state of

Electricity Adds Beauty to
Model Farm: Shearing Sheep
the Modern Way

By H. H. SLAWSON 1251

Life on the farm is not what it used to be. The farmer has found a new hired man, through whose help drudgery has been banished, with much weary, back-breaking toil.

In the change, the farmer's wife has also benefited, and so have his children, to say nothing of the cows, the poultry, the pigs and other inhabitants of the barnyard.

The explanation is easy. Electricity is this new chore boy which is changing the age-long habits of earth's oldest industry. Farmers are enjoying the advantages of the electric fan in the cow barn, electric

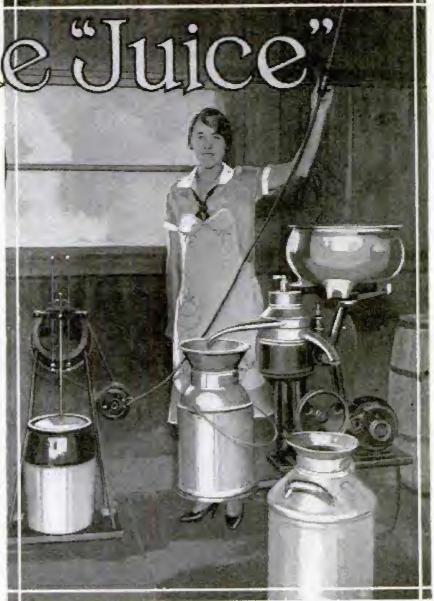
Illinois, all told, only 2,201 farms provided with centralstation service. But on Jan. 1, 1929, there were 13.284 electrified Illinois farms. Indiana has 15.163 farms getting such service.

California farmers claim to be the heaviest users of electric energy, as there are 55,000 electrified farms in that state. Altogether more than 500,000 farms in the United States are served by electric-light and power companies.

But there is a tremendous problem to be solved before rural America can be completely electrified. In Indiana, according to the 1925 federal farm census, there are 195,000 farms, the value of which is almost one and three-quarters billion dollars. On the basis of three to the mile, a rough estimate would call for 65,000 miles of power lines to serve these farms, and on the

basis of construction costs of \$1,000 per mile, this would mean an expenditure of \$65,000,000 for lines alone. A like sum would be required to wire and equip the farm buildings, making the total installation cost almost ten per cent of the value of the industry in Indiana,

Electricity, to make its way on the farm, thus has to justify itself from an economic standpoint. In this regard, one of the state committees on the relation of electricity to agriculture submits the follow-Ten cents spent for electricity will perform one of the following tasks: Cook for two persons for one day; do the family washing for one week; run the vacuum cleaner ten hours; operate the milking machine one hour and twenty minutes; separate 1,500 pounds of milk; heat a 150-



With Cream Separator and Churn Operated by Electricity, Much of the Drudgery of the Farm Dairy Is Eliminated

egg incubator for two days; saw one and two-thirds cords of wood; pump 500 gallons of water; run a fanning mill three hours, or cool a refrigerator for twelve hours.

Electricity is used on one model farm to light the barn, cow yard, washroom and milk-storage room. It does the milking, pumps ice water through the milk coolers and refrigerates the storage tank. It elevates grain to overhead bins, grinds feed, clips and grooms the cows. In the retail dairy, it turns the separator, drives the bottling equipment and operates the bottfe-washing brushes. Some dairymen also pasteurize milk by running a current of electricity through it. One farmer in Wisconsin has rigged an endless-chain device with wooden crossbars, driven by

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electricity, for cleaning the gutters behind the cows in his barn.

The electromagnetic milking machine is the newest of many devices available to the dairy farmer. And the next adaptation of electricity to dairying is a device which takes the milk from the cow, through a pasteurizer and a refrigerator into a con-

tainer, without exposing it to the air.

"It is probable," says one authority,

"that the milk so produced could be kept
sweet a month. Its bacterial count would
be low."

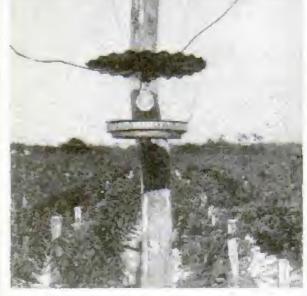
The poultry house has also benefited by electricity. Almost everybody has heard how "biddy" can be fooled into believing day has dawned long before its actual advent. An alarm clock, attached to an electric switch, automatically turns the lights on, early in the morning, so biddy can hop down from her roost and begin scratching around. Many poultrymen set the alarm clock so she wakes up for a midnight lunch, which means more strength to the layers and more profits to the owner. You might think that after waking the chickens at midnight they wouldn't be inclined to go back to roost,

but the electricians have fixed all that. When the lunch hour is ended, out go the lights, all but one faint pilot lamp away up in a distant corner, operated by a dimmer device which simulates sunset.

Electricity also is used to provide heat for sprouting oats, whose green tips supply the necessary vitamines for the health of the baby chick. Ultraviolet treatments have also been found of advantage as a

means of promoting healthy growth and lowering mortality. Electric heat is provided for the brooders and electric incubators are operated with greatly reduced costs and increase in results.

Many unusual adaptations of electricity to agriculture have been devised. At the New York college of ag-





Motorized Grindstones, Light-Bulb Insect Traps, and Electric Cow Cleaners Mark the Modern Farm

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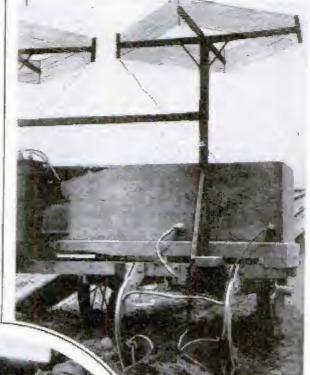
riculture, an electric screen door was constructed to electrocute flies around the dairy barn. As many as 2,500 flies, with other insects, were killed daily when they came in contact with the fine charge l screen.

An electrical animal groomer is a convenience much favored by many farmers, especially for the dairy barn. It thoroughly removes dirt and hair without permitting it to

escape into the stable air.

Electric lights are used by truck gardeners for insect control. Flying to the bright light, the moth or beetle drops into a pan of kerosene fastened below the globe. An Alabama farmer





who used lights to trap insects over a tomato patch, reports that his losses from bugs were negligible, while on an unlighted plot the loss ran from thirty-five to fifty per cent of the crop.

At Cornell University, a study has been made of the problem of using electricity to dry damp hay. The hay is stacked over a shallow trench into which the mouth of a blower pipe is inserted. This is operated by a motor which drives

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hot, dry air into the trench and allows it to percolate upward through the loosely

stacked hav.

With such a device, the farmer no, longer is obliged to make hay while the sun shines. He can cut it in a downpour of rain, if he wishes, stack it up, turn on the switch that puts the blower to work and electricity does the rest. The same principle has also been used to hasten the curing of tobacco.

An electrically driven vegetable-tyingmachine is among the novelties recently appearing on the market. Truck gardeners find it of use in tying onions, radishes, celery, etc. It will handle as many as 150 dozen bunches of celery in an hour.

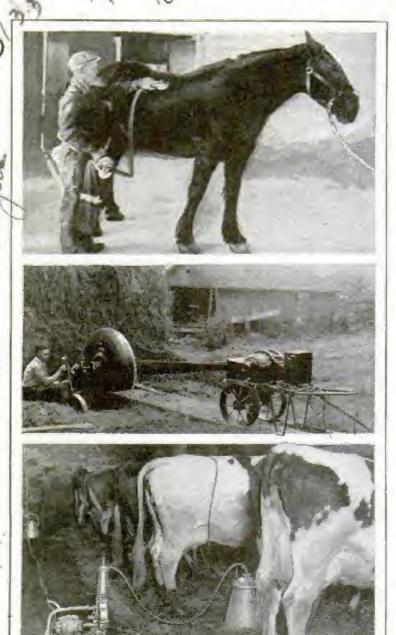
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Sawing Wood in the Up-To-Date Way; a Plow That Electrifies the Soil, and Electric Fanning Mill

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Electric Beauty Aid of "Dobbin"; Drying Wet Hay with Motor Blower, and Portable Electric Milking Outfit

maturity, has fascinating possibilities. At Purdue University an investigation has been under way for three years into an apparatus that consists of a wooden pole with projecting prongs, through which, it is claimed, electricity is sprayed into the air over the field with beneficial results. No scientific conclusions have yet been announced as to the standing of this device.

At the National Rural Electric Project laboratory at College Park, Md., George W. Kable, the director, has been carrying on a study of the results claimed for a high-voltage high-frequency electric plow devised by Hamilton L. Roe, of Leroy, N. Y. The inventor claims that the elec-

tric charge, passing through the soil, makes the plant food in it more readily available and eliminates the need for fertilizer. It also kills weeds and pests and makes plants less susceptible to drouths.

In test plots, quack grass was killed outright, which is considered remarkable as the roots of this plant are very hard to kill. Buckwheat and potatoes, on soil treated with the Roe plow, were freer from weeds than were check plots. The potatoes were also free from potato bugs and blight without spraying, which was not true of other parts of the field.

"I am not sure," said Mr. Kable to me recently, "that the time will never come when the farmer can dispense with plowing. Since the dawn of history, when a crooked stick was first used to turn the soil, farmers have clung to the plow as the indispensable foundation of husbandry. I do not know just what method may be devised to get away from this age-old practice. I do know that some crops can be grown without the traditional preliminary use of a plow. To me it seems that the possibilities in this direction are unlimited."

"In the medical profession," said Mr. Kable, "much knowledge is being developed regarding the use of the X-ray and the ultra-

violet ray on human beings. To some extent this knowledge is being applied to agricultural problems. The field has, however, barely been scratched.

"Electrical research work in one direction has resulted in such mechanical marvels as the radio and television. There is no reason why, if directed intensively to agriculture, research should not also prove correspondingly fruitful of achievements in this field."

That is the vision which rises before the farmer when he presses the button that turns on the "juice."

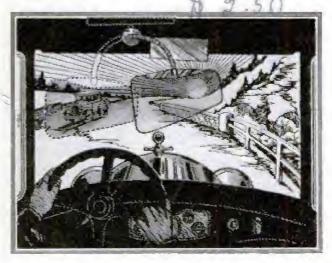
¶American cities have 4.778 structures ten or more stories in height. 8 20 29 POPULAR MECHANICS

PALATABLE GLUE FOR STAMPS FROM SWEET POTATOES

Stamps with glue to suit the individual taste may be on the market soon as a result of researches by the bureau to chemistry and soils which has found a high quality of starch is obtainable from sweet potatoes. From the starch, dextrin of pleasant taste has been produced and this is being tested to determine its suitability as glue for stamps and stationery. A method of economical commercial production is being attempted with the fall crop of sweet potatoes. Tapioca is the present source of most stamp and stationery glue, but if manufacturers can use cull sweet potatoes for the purpose, a market will have been found for part of the 80,000,000 bushels of culls produced each year, which in the past have been fed to cattle. Six pounds of the sweet potatoes make one pound of starch.

ADJUSTABLE GLARE PROTECTOR SAVES MOTORISTS' EYES

Fitting above the windshield, inside the automobile, an adjustable shield is intended to protect the eyes of the motorist against sun glare and the lights of approaching cars. The shield is of a material that diffuses the sun's rays, and is mounted on a flexible arm adjustable to any position. It is held from five to seven inches from the windshield when in use, and when not in use, may be raised to the



An Adjustable Glare Protector on a Flexible Shaft Which Shields the Eyes of Motorists

top of the car, leaving an unobstructed view ahead,



French Convicts Wear These Masks to Prevent Them from Becoming Acquainted and from Plotting

MASKS FOR FRENCH CONVICTS TO PREVENT PLOTTING

Prisoners in the model French-prison at Fresnes, near Paris, are garbed in masks covering head and shoulders on their rare emergence from solitary confinement, to make it impossible for the convicts to recognize other inmates and plot with The wearer can breathe freely through the loose mesh of the mask and is able to see everything except the face of another prisoner dressed the same way.

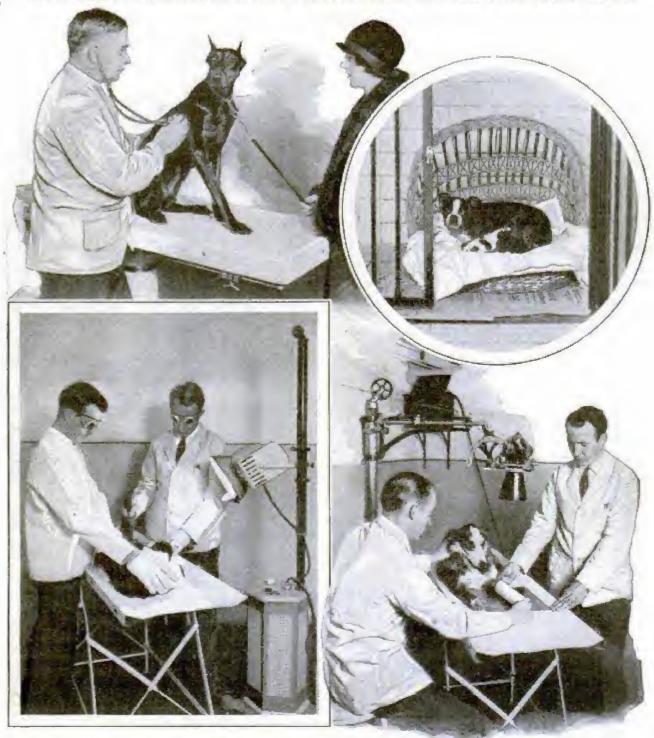
VOLCANOES PUT SALT IN SEA

What makes the sea salt? Dr. Thomas A. Jaggar, director of the Hawaiian volcano observatory, believes the salt is deposited in the sea by the 485 known volcanoes of the world which annually discharge more than 100,000,000 tons of hydrochloric acid, thus supplying the chlorine that keeps the ocean salty. though the amount of hydrochloric acid gas in steam from volcanoes is almost negligible, the ceaseless emission of the steam puts the gas in the air, and thence into the rain, he believes.

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MODERN MEDICAL SCIENCE SAVES LIVES OF PETS



Where Dogs and Other Pets Receive Scientific Care; Glimpses inside the North Shore Animal Hospital, Showing How Dumb Patients Are Treated with the Aid of X-rays, Ultraviolet Light and Other Modern Means

Dogs and other domestic pets receive medical treatment embodying some of the latest scientific discoveries at the North Shore Animal hospital in Evanston, Ill. X-rays, ultraviolet light, special wards for animals suffering from communicable diseases and elaborately equipped operating rooms, are among the institution's unusual features. A motor ambulance calls for patients, food is prepared

under highly exacting conditions, constant record is kept of each patient's progress; in fact, the general procedure, from the time the animal is admitted, receives its physical examination and is assigned to its proper department, until it is released, is much the same as in a hospital for human beings. Dr. J. V. Lacroix, head of the hospital, talks about dogs and their care, as a family doctor would talk

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to a mother about her children. "The lifetime of a dog is about one-seventh that of a man," he said. "Discipline is as necessary with these pets as it is in a human family, and this is especially true in regard to the diet. Largely because of his long association with men, a dog has learned to eat practically anything that a man will eat. Meat is the basis of its diet, but meat alone is not advisable. Some fibrous food is necessary. This is furnished by bran, steamed carrots and other vegetables that contain much cellulose. White bread, rice or potatoes contain the necessary starch. Raw meat once a week is desirable. Raw liver is a good laxative. The meat need not be cut fine. Milk is an important article of the diet, but it does not agree with all dogs. The animals should not have highly seasoned foods, and should not be given large quantities of candy, ice cream or cake any more than children should. Living in a small apartment is unnatural for a large dog and much care is needed in its feeding and exercising. A kitchenette apartment is no more a place for it than for a concert grand piano." Visitors are admitted to the hospital daily between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon. The dogs, especially, seem to appreciate the careful treatment they are accorded. and in one or two instances, after being patients there, dogs have voluntarily reappeared to be treated for an injury.

PANORAMIC MIRROR FOR AUTO SHOWS WHOLE ROAD 1, 344

Giving the motorist a full view of the road behind, a panoramic rear-view mirror has been placed on the market. Looking in it gives the driver the same effect as looking out of all the windows at once and shows the cars approaching from

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Panoramic Rear-View Mirror for Auto Giving a Complete View of Whole Road Behind

each side and from the rear. The glass diffuses light in all directions, obviating the glare of headlights from the rear.

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This Platform, Attached to an Ordinary Ladder, Serves as a Scaffold for One-Man Jobs

Eliminating necessity for a scaffold for one-man work, a ladder platform is on the market which may be attached to the top of any ladder. On long ladders, two such platforms, one above the other, may be used, providing space for two men to work. The platform is nearly a yard wide and the end resting against the building is provided with rubber bumpers to prevent its sliding sideways. Safety clamps also are used.

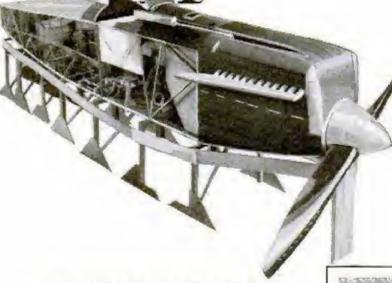
AIR REPLACES OIL IN SWITCH

Switches for high-tension electricpower plants in which compressed air takes the place of the usual oil filling, have been invented and are now being placed on the market in Germany. Advantages claimed for the switches include economy in size, safety of operation and a large range of capacities.

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failures in flight have become very rare, but new
designs are occasionally
found to be unsatisfactory due to such weaknesses as lack of necessary performance or stability; and as such mistakes are likely to be
very costly to the manufacturer of the plane,
they must be very carefully guarded against.

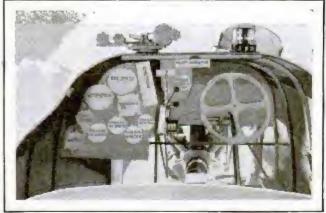
By EDWARD CAMPBELL

Projection Engineer Boeing Airplane Co.

SUCCESSFUL airplane design consists mainly of profiting by the knowledge now available as a result of the thousands of planes that have been built and tested to date, and of incorporating this knowledge into a practical airplane, through the application of sound engineering principles.

Our successful airplanes of today are the result of a process of evolution, beginning with man's first attempt at flight. and in which the well-known trial-anderror system has necessarily played an important though sometimes expensive part. Painstaking theoretical and wind-tunnel research have gone hand in hand with actual flight testing, but the latter is always the final criterion. Each new design must be an improvement over what has gone before in order to be a success, so original ideas are constantly being developed, However, if precedent is completely ignored, the designer may as well be back in the pioneering days of aviation.

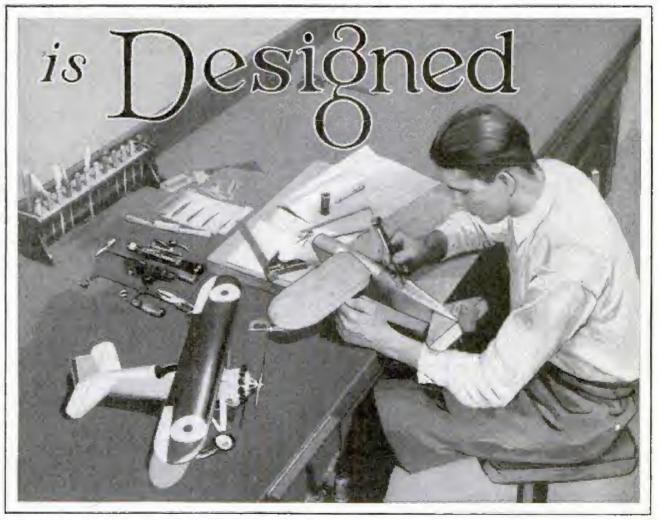
Accordingly, when the design of a new airplane is to be undertaken, the designer's first step must be thoroughly to familiarize himself with what has already been done with that particular class of plane, in order to avoid mistakes already made. Such serious consequences as structural



The "Mock-Up" or Full-Size Wooden Model of Part of a Plane, and Cockpit of Model

The design of an airplane necessarily starts with the formulation of the specification. This includes such characteristics as the type, that is whether it is to be a monoplane or biplane, single or multi-motored; useful load, or amount of cargo, fuel and oil to be carried; performance to be attained, which includes speed, climb and ceiling; type of engine to be used; the wing section; pounds per square foot of wing load; structural strength; degree of stability and maneuverability; and such considerations as type of construction, first cost and ease of maintenance.

Often the designer has little given him in the way of a specification other than the purpose for which the plane is to be used. With that as a basis, he must determine the above characteristics and should adhere to them as closely as pos-



Photos Courtesy Boeing

Through His Skill in Making Models during a National Contest, Othello Dickert Landed a Job in the Boeing Factories; Some of His Models Are Valued at \$1,000 Each

sible throughout the design of the plane. The next step is the preliminary weight estimate. One of the secrets of successful airplane design is the ability to make a reasonable weight estimate to begin with, and to hold the weight of the finished plane down to that figure. This takes a great deal of experience and very careful supervision of detail design and construction, as a plane will inevitably tend to gain steadily in weight up to the time of its completion. Overweight with resulting decreased performance has been the cause of failure of many otherwise promising designs.

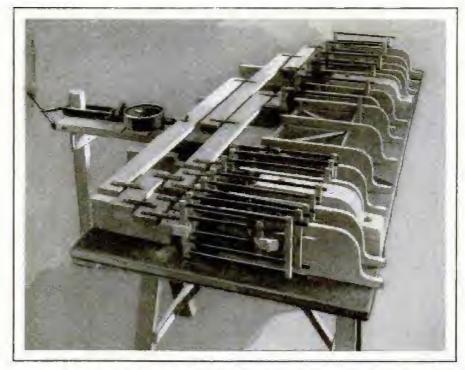
For the preliminary weight estimate it is customary to divide the plane into a number of parts, such as wing group, tail group, body group, power plant, and useful load; and these are then further subdivided, as found convenient.

The weights of certain parts, such as engine, instruments, and useful load may be definitely known, while the weight of such items as the wings, fuselage and tail surfaces must be estimated on the basis of experience with similar types of construction in planes already built. As the design progresses, the detail weights can be computed quite accurately. However, the scales are the final criterion, and the saying "it always weighs more" is too often found to be true.

It is important that the preliminary estimate be as close to the final weights as possible, as it is upon the former that the wing area and general proportions of the ship must be based. After a preliminary design of the wings has been made, the detail design of the ship begins with a scale drawing showing the side view of the fuselage. For this, it is best to locate first the most important items, such as engine, fuel and crew, in their desired relative positions. The less important items are then located, and the outline of the fuselage determined.

By locating the center of gravity of the

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Testing the Wing Ribs of a New Design, to Be Sure They Have Sufficient Strength in Service

various parts and using their estimated weights, the center of gravity of the whole fuselage is next calculated, and this determines the location of the wings and landing gear. The location of the center of gravity of the complete plane with relation to the wings is so important that, if it should come out only a few inches forward or aft of the designed location, it might easily result in the ship's being totally unmanageable. The wheels must be located far enough ahead of the center of gravity to prevent the plane from nosing over in bad fields, but not far enough to put too much weight on the tail. Insuring the proper final location of the center of gravity of the complete airplane is one of the designer's greatest problems, and it can only be accomplished by careful preliminary design and constant checking of weights as the construction of the ship progresses.

With the side view completed, front and plan-view drawings are made, and the performance and stability characteristics are then calculated. By means of theoretical computations based on data obtained from flight tests of existing planes of similar type, an experienced designer can determine these characteristics quite accurately before the plane has passed the paper stage. If the design in question is at all radical, or if the more accurate determination of per-

formance and stability is considered advisable, a small but very accurate model is made and tested in a wind tunnel. These models are very expensive to build, but the information obtainable from such tests will often show up weak points in a design which would have proved very costly if not discovered until the flight tests were made. While performance calculations and wind-tunnel tests may not give strictly accurate results as compared with the final flight tests, they are particularly valuable for comparing the relative merits of two or

more designs under consideration.

If satisfactory performance is indicated for the general design, a full-size "mock-up" is usually built before the detailed design progresses too far for changes in arrangement to be readily made. A mock-up is a full-size reproduction of a portion of a finished plane. It is usually built, of wood, and includes enough of the plane so that such considerations as the degree of visibility and comfort that the pilot and passengers will have can be determined.

The actual engine is often installed in its relative location and portions of the wings are reproduced in order to determine to what extent they will interfere with the vision of the pilot and passengers. The pilot's cockpit is usually finished in considerable detail with instruments and controls installed in place. Thus the need for important changes in design can often be discovered at a time when they can be made without much trouble. Visibility and comfort are characteristics which are difficult to determine from drawings, and when the plane is completed, it is usually too late to make the desired changes.

At this point, it is usually advisable to make a large-scale layout or profile, as it is called, of the fuselage in side elevation. This is usually made one-quarter size and shows all items to be installed, such



Testing the Complete Fuselage or Frame of an Airplane; the Loads, Carefully Measured, Are Applied in Such a Way as to Approximate Flight and Landing Conditions

as instruments, piping and controls. Its chief purpose is to prevent the possibility of unforeseen interferences, and it usually looks like a Chinese puzzle by the time it is finished, due to the complex installations necessary in a modern airplane. When time for such a drawing is not taken, it has been known to happen at the time of final assembly of the airplane, that the designer finds, to his dismay, that he is faced with the necessity of passing a structural member of the fuselage through the carburetor, or of running a rudder-control wire through the fire extinguisher.

By this time, the principal dimensions of the ship are definitely determined and the stress analysis can be carried out. This is a lengthy process, since the structure of an airplane is called upon to carry many types of loading in the course of normal operations. The stress in a given strut or wire may vary between wide limits, depending, for instance, upon whether the plane is flying at high speed, pulling out of a dive, or landing. An airplane structure must be analyzed for some six or seven distinct types of loading, approximating as many actual conditions encountered in service operation. work is usually divided between three or four men, and requires considerable time.

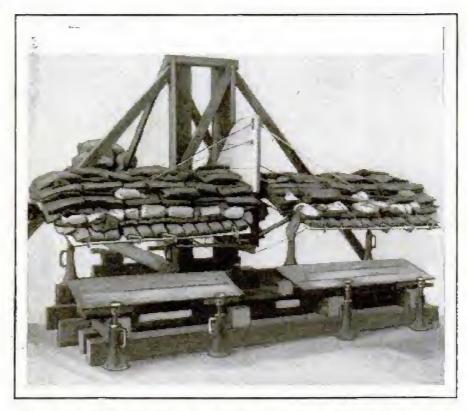
With the stress analysis completed, the

greatest load which each strut and wire will be called upon to carry is known, and the detail design of the hundreds of different parts which go to make up the airplane can then be carried out. As each part must be designed to carry the required loads and must be drawn up in detail, several hundred drawings are required. This work is generally divided among a number of men whose work must be co-ordinated by the engineer in charge of the project.

When a part is difficult to analyze for strength, or when there is any question about its being capable of carrying the required loads, a sample is made and tested to destruction. Wing ribs are tested by applying loads to them through systems of lever arms which duplicate actual flight conditions as nearly as possible. Complete wing structures, tail assemblies and fuselages are frequently set up and tested by means of properly distributed sand loads, while small fittings are commonly tested in standard testing machines.

The process of designing and building an airplane is usually accompanied from the very beginning by a seemingly endless series of changes. These cause many complications and much extra work, but are inevitable since all progress and im-





Bags of Lead Shot Are Piled on the Tail Assembly of a New Design, to Determine Its Strength

provement is necessarily based on change.

When the plane is finally completed and ready for flight, the highly interesting moment for the designer arrives when the final weight and center-of-gravity location are to be determined, and it is a case where the fate of the airplane really hangs in the balance. The total weight is usually pretty well known at this time, but if the center of gravity is found to be too far forward or too far back, the plane will not be safe to fly. This occasionally happens as a result of unforeseen changes in weight or location of certain parts of the plane, and some means must be found to shift the center of gravity to its designed location. If it is too far forward, a little added weight in the tail may bring about the desired result, as it is located a considerable distance from the center of gravity. If it is located too far back, however, nothing less than a change in the engine mount, so as to move the engine forward, will usually suffice, and this will require corresponding changes in the engine control and cowling,

After the balance is checked and found correct, the engine is usually run on the ground for several hours to test the engine installation, and if this is found to be satisfactory, the ship is ready for its first flight. The moment when the first plane of a new design takes off on its trial flight is always an interesting one for everyone concerned, particularly the designer and test pilot. In the pioneering days of aviation, the information that was sought at the trial flight related to whether the plane would fly at all and, if so, whether it could be controlled and would hold together when landed. Now, however, airplane design has reached the point where there is little cause to question the airworthiness of a new plane before its first flight, unless it happens to be a very radical de-

The first flight and the following routine test flights of a modern plane are made primarily for the purpose of determining whether it has the necessary performance, ease of control and stability required to suit it to the purpose for which it was designed. In the flight tests, such characteristics as speed, rate of climb, ceiling, fuel consumption, and degree of stability are determined; and it is often found desirable to try out several types of tail surfaces, propellers, and even

engines.

When these tests are satisfactorily completed, the final step is to redesign the plane to the extent of incorporating in it the many changes which are inevitably found to be desirable during the designing and building of an airplane. Then the process of replacing preliminary drawings and sketches with complete and final drawings begins, and when this is finished. the design is at last complete and is ready to go into production.

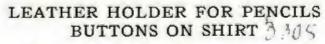
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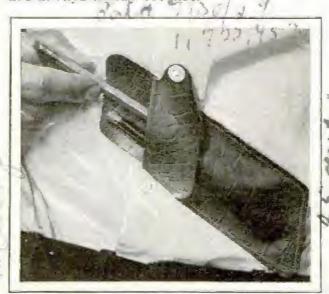
VITAMINES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE SEA

Science is looking to the sea to supply needed vitamines and food resources of the future. particularly if a time of overpopulation should arrive. Experiments of the bureau of fisheries show the value of foods of marine animal origin, indirectly or immediately, for human con--sumption. These tests indicate that the benefits will be as great whether

man eats marine life or animals that are fed fish products. Cows' milk, deficient under ordinary conditions in vitamines C, D and E, iron and iodine, was found to increase in vitamine content as well as iron and iodine when fish meal or other marine food was included in the diet.



Persons who have no place to carry pencils when they lay aside vests, now may use a leather pencil scabbard which buttons onto the shirt. The holder is essentially a sheath which fastens to the shirt at an angle and has room for half a dozen pencils in a position where they are always handy for use.



A Leather Scabbard for Carrying Pencils Which But-



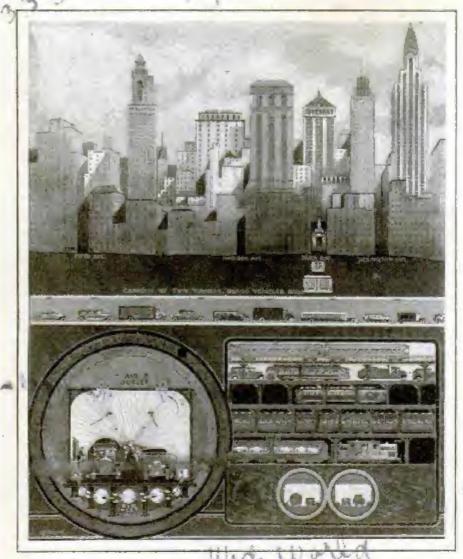
This Automobile, Equipped with Scaplane Pontoons and a Marine Propeller Shaft, Travels by Water as Well as by Land

AUTO ON SEAPLANE PONTOONS TRAVELS BY WATER

Using a pair of seaplane pontoons, a Winnipeg man makes trips by water in his automobile, and recently completed a 120-mile voyage without mishap. propeller shaft of the car is disconnected at the universal joint, and a marine propeller shaft, rigged on the framework between the two floats, is connected. Thus equipped, the car cruises at a speed of about fifteen miles an hour.

STEAM PIPES TO MELT SNOW FROM MOUNTAIN PASS

Steam pipes are being employed to conquer the snowdrifts that pile up each winter in the Berthoud pass over the Continental divide. This pass, 11,300 feet above sea level, often is blocked by snow from late October to May or June. Shoveling out the snow is an almost impossible task for about a mile and a half and it is in this section that steam pipes are to be used. Buried a few inches underground, no great heat is required as it will be necessary to keep the ground only a few degrees above freezing so the snow will melt and the water will drain off. During severe cold in the middle of winter or during light snowfall in early autumn or late spring the steam will not be used but it is expected that it will keep the pass open several months longer than is possible at present.



Above, Location of Contemplated Manhattan Tunnel, and, Below, Cross Sections Showing the Bore and Six Tiers of Traffic

MANHATTAN TUNNEL PROVIDES SIXTH TIER OF TRAFFIC

Six tiers of traffic, piled one on top of the other, part underground, some at the surface, and others above the surface. will be provided for certain sections of New York with completion of a proposed tunnel under Manhattan island and the East river to the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Above the projected double-decked tubes with two roadways, each must turn on accommodating two lines of traffic, would parking lamps be the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads, Interborough Rapid Tran- 3 sit, the subway, the under-surface street- for return to switch car lines in Madison avenue, the street level and the elevated railroad. length of the tri-borough tunnel is esti- eliminated by a mated at 22,600 feet. Under the river, time switch which two tubes are to be driven and the ulti- may be set to light mate cost of the bore is estimated at about \$103,000,000.

FLYING NO CURE FOR DEAFNESS

Stories of deaf persons having their hearing restored by taking airplane rides are ridiculed by Dr. L. H. Bauer, of the department of commerce. Instead, flying is likely to make deafness even worse by contracting the eardrums. In very rare cases, said Doctor Bauer. there are instances of hysterical deafness caused by some great emotional strain, and in such a case, a breathtaking dive in an airplane, or some other equal thrill, might restore lost hearing.

MOUNTAIN RANGE REPRODUCED IN SAWDUST

Sculptured into a resemblance of parts of the Cascade range, the world's largest sawdust pile offers interest to tourists and residents of

Portland, Ore. The pile is estimated at 240,000,000 sacks, and the sawdust is used to provide electric power to a city of 350,000 people. Its size, coupled with the exactness of the reproduction, lends any air of reality to its appearance.

TIME SWITCH FOR AUTOMOBILE JATURNS ON PARKING LIGHTS

Motorists who when leaving their cars before dark, them on later, Total have this worry parking lamps at any designated



stime. The switch may be fitted to any car and is regulated by turning a knob to the time lights are to be switched on when the car is parked. The instrument

consumes no current.

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PIANO WITH THREE KEYBOARDS
PLAYS QUARTER TONES

Distinguished musicians gathered in a small room in Paris recently to hear a triple-keyboard piano that plays quarter-tone notes. The instrument is the invention of a young Russian and is of German manufacture. It produces twenty-four separate pitches and was devised especially for the rendition of chamber music, and a symphony composed by the inventor. The pieces have quarter-sharps, quarter-flats, three-quarter sharps and three-quarter flats that cannot be played on an ordinary piano. Modern composers have said that the quarter-tone piano and similar instruments that give a division of tones may restore to music its "fluid quality," which has been lost somewhat in the present notation system.

PAPER "TANKS" ON BICYCLES USED IN MANEUVERS



"Tanks" Used in British Army Maneuvers Were Made of Cardboard Frames like the Above, and Mounted on Bicycles

Cardboard frames, made to resemble lumbering tanks and mounted on bicycles, were used as one-man war machines in recent maneuvers conducted by the English army near Aldershot. Thousands of troops participated in the various battle formations in which the cardboard tanks played an important part.



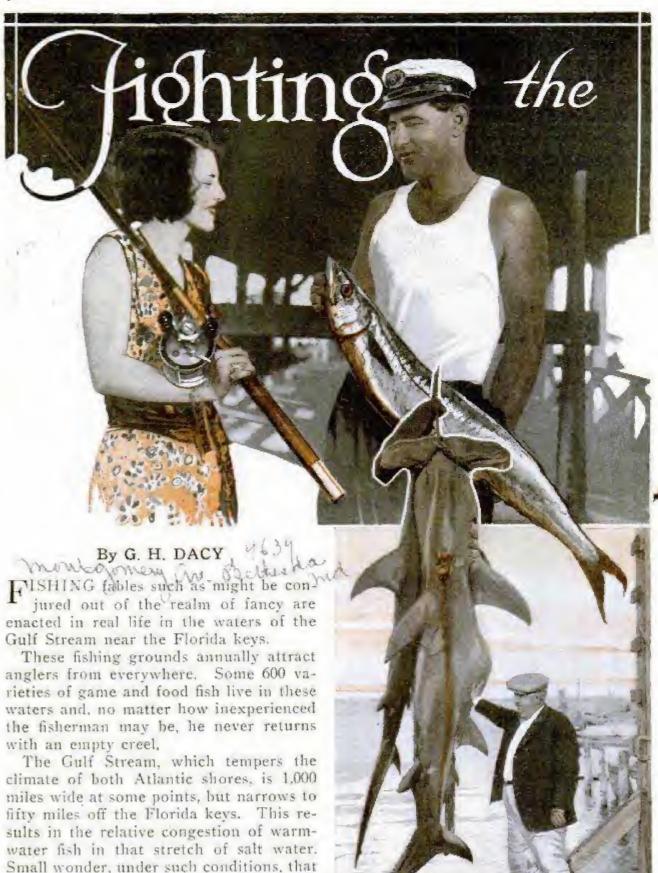
An Air Pillow Which Inflates Itself Adds Comfort to Swimming, Boating and Metering

SELF-INFLATING AIR PILLOW ADDS COMFORT TO SPORTS

Affording comfort at the beach, while motoring, or engaged in other sport, a self-inflating air pillow may be transformed from a pillow to a bag for carrying wet bathing suits, or compressed into space permitting it to be carried in the pocket merely by opening a clasp at the top. The bag is twelve by seventeen inches and made of khaki cloth and rubber.

The clasp has rubber-lined edges, making the bag air and water-tight when the clasp is locked. Aside from its uses as a pillow and bag, the convenience also may take the place of water wings for swimming or of a canoe cushion, and has been used in emergency as a hot-water or ice bag. The outside of the pillow is decorated in a variety of contrasting colors to suit individual tastes.

¶The U. S. navy leads the world in airplane catapults, with two each fitted or building for eighteen battleships, and two each on ten cruisers built and eight others being built, a total of seventy-two, while Japan has but one, and England and France a couple each.



Below, Hammerhead Shark, Sighted from an Airplane and Later Harpooned from a Fishing Boat

the largest pleasure-fishing fleet in the world, valued at more than \$12,000,000, centers at Miami ready for angling expeditions after silver tarpon, sailfish, marlin swordfish, sunfish, trunk-back turtles, whiprays, jewfish, whales, sharks and

other denizens of the deep blue sea.

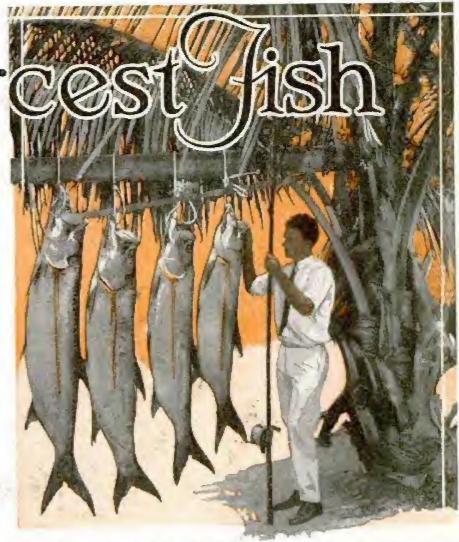
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Capt. Charlie Thomp-. son, dean of big-game fishing in south Florida waters, easily wins world honors as narrator of the champion fishing story. And just to prove that his experience was founded on fact instead of fiction. Captain Thompson towed ashore the giant of the ocean which gave him the fiercest fight of his life. Thompson won the battle, which lasted forty hours, but he lost exactly sixteen pounds in weight during the contest.

"Two fishermen had chartered my boat for a week's cruise," Cap-

tain Thompson said. "When the lookout sighted the monster, I ordered our thirty-one-foot motor tender lowered. The boat was outfitted with fish-fighting equipment. One seaman accompanied me. As soon as our boat was in range, I began firing at the mammoth with a high-powered rifle. Most of the bullets found the target but, apparently, made little impression.

"Finally, we approached close enough for me to throw a harpoon into the floundering giant. Quickly, I fastened the line to the prow of the boat. Enraged, the mammoth began a blind flight, towing our boat as though it were nothing at all. From then on, for the next two days and a night, it was a mad, exciting battle. Our fishing yacht followed us as the monster towed the small boat several hundred miles. The big boat could not get close enough to offer much assistance, and our supplies of food and water were soon ex-



Silver Tarpon Caught in South Florida Waters; They Sometimes Leap Eight Feet High in an Effort to Free Themselves from the Hook

hausted. Our condition was becoming desperate, while the monster, as it became more infuriated, seemed to gain strength.

"Finally, when our ammunition was exhausted and all of the harpoons were seated in the mammoth, we signaled to the pursuing yacht. In desperation, the fishermen launched a rowboat and tried to bring us food and more fighting supplies. The monster, sensing the presence of the boat, made a wild charge and smashed the frail craft. Just when my companion and I had about resigned ourselves to a terrible death, the frantic efforts of the monster to break free from the five harpoons became feebler. And, almost before we comprehended what had happened, it was floating like a derelict on the ocean. The mammoth was fortyfive feet long, weighed 30,000 pounds, and its body circumference was twenty-three feet."

Down in the latitude where Captain

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Thompson experienced the greatest thriller of his life, the modern "hookand-liners" recently have taken to the air; that is to say, the airplanes are now being used successfully in locating schools of

fish in order to advise amateur and professional anglers. Harry Rogers, an aviator, fishes directly from his homemade amphibian plane. He knows the waters below almost as well as the ocean of air above the sea. Airplanes are also being used by amateur sportsmen in their quest for huge rays and other harpoon fish. The land planes are employed merely as scouts in sighting the fish. The information is then either signaled or radioed to the sportsmen in an accompanying yacht.

Even elephant hunting in Africa now has its counterpart in "spear fishing." The goliaths of salt water are every bit as courageous, fierce and defiant as the challenging jungle beasts. The great ray, some of which measure thirty feet across the back, better known as the devilfish, is often encountered.

Harpooning hammerhead, shovel-nose, leopard, nurse and mackerel sharks is thrilling sport. These fish pirates usually are short-time fighters, but infuriated and fierce adversaries while their strength lasts. A giant sawfish has been known to tow a thirty-eight-foot motorboat for six hours.

One fishing party from Miami captured a sailfish that was ten and a half feet in length and weighed 152½ pounds, last winter. A thirty-five-foot sperm whale, weighing about twenty tons, was harpooned early one morning, but did not succumb until sundown. This fighter towed the boat more than seventy-five miles while the fishermen bombarded it

with powerful rifle bullets and bombs. Once during that thrilling afternoon, a bomb dislodged the harpoon and the wounded whale disappeared in the school of which it was a member, but was a peared a second time when.



Devilfish, a Huge Trunk-Back Turtle Weighing 1,200 Pounds, and a Man-Eating Shark

due to ebbing vitality, it lagged behind its mates.

The experienced anglers of the Gulf Stream believe in giving the game fish a good fighting chance. Hence, the majority use light tackle, which consists of a nine-thread line with a breaking strength ot eighteen pounds. It is then an oddseven fight between the fish and the fishermen. The skill of the anglers is depicted by the facts that the following record catches have been made in the South Atlantic ocean and Gulf Stream with such tackle: amberjack, sixty-two pounds; marlin swordfish, eighty-eight pounds; sailfish, eighty-nine and a half pounds; tarpon, 112 pounds; barracuda, fifty-five pounds; grouper,

fifty-six pounds,



Spine Fish That Blows Up in Time of Danger; a 1,350-Pound Sunfish and a Hammerhead Shark



glers and their guests who have fished with heavy tackle, using twenty-one-thread line with a breaking strength of fortytwo pounds. Among their masterly catches are a 208-pound tarpon, 118-pound marlin, 107-pound sailfish, 104-pound amberjack, ninety-twopound grouper and fifty-eight-pound

kingfish, not to forget the 150-pound tuna which was caught last winter near Miami.

A New York fisherman established a marathon fight record when he recently fought a tuna for eleven hours and twenty minutes before angling skill finally conquered. William Arnold, of Miami, an angler of seasoned skill, brought to gaff a jewfish weighing 412 pounds after an eight-and-a-half-hour fight, another proof of the fighting excellence of heavy tackle. In fact, it is a moot question among the hook-and-liners how large a fish can be yanked expertly from Davy Jones' locker on a twenty-one-thread line. The chances are that a one-half ton tarpon, if this species of valiant fighting fish grew that big, could be landed with such tackle, for the tarpon, in its charges and countercharges, leaps, dives and wears itself out.

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This Huge Sawfish, One of the Terrors of the Deep, Caught near Miami, Weighed 400 Pounds Before It Was Stuffed and Mounted as a Museum Specimen

A shark, on the other hand, hangs on the hook somewhat like a lump of lead and conserves his strength for the final crucial struggle for mastery.

The size of the fish is not always a true measure of its fighting ability when hooked. The bonefish, which weighs considerably less than ten pounds, is the fastest game fish that swims, and is a dauntless, intrepid fighter. The spectacular sailfish is a surface battler that runs helter-skelter and leaps with amazing force from the water. The tarpon is the peer of high jumpers among the hurdling fish and comes out of the water with a modified roar and thunder, leaping seven to eight feet into the air while it shakes its head vigorously, seeking to throw the hook.

The marlin, like the sailfish, is a surface fighter. The barracuda, a wolf of the sea, is nomadic, a dweller of the deep, and specializes in stealing fish from the fisherman as he is bringing his catch to gaff. The broadbill swordfish now ranks unrivaled as the most savage fighter in Florida waters. This species migrates to the Gulf Stream from the north Atlantic during July and August and every angler who has encountered one will remember the contest as long as he lives.

AIRPLANES CARRY WEED SEEDS

Tumbleweeds and similar pests have taken to airplane travel, recent tests show. Inspection of 110 planes revealed that ten of them had in their tires the spines of puncture vine burrs, one of the most troublesome weeds of the southwest. This weed holds to a tire tread and works its way in like a tack. It is being fought by

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highway officials, who have become alarmed by the new trick of the weed to become started in fresh fields by way of airplane rides.

AUTO LIGHTS PLACED ON VISOR TO ELIMINATE GLARE

Headlights for the automobile have been made to fit on the regular visor of the car top in order to eliminate the glare from lights in the ordinary position. Being above the eyes and shining directly on the road, makers of the visor lights say, the angle of illumination prevents the glare which results when ordinary lights shine partly on the road and partly in the air in front of the car. The lights on the visor shine over the radiator cap, illuminating the front of the car so that an ap-



Headlights Placed on the Visor of the Car in Order to Eliminate Glare and Eye Strain

proaching motorist is able to gauge the distance between the cars more easily.

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STEEL TROLLEY WIRES SEEN WITH "SLIDING SHOE"

Use of a "sliding shoe" instead of the usual wheel, to make contact with the trolley wire, may permit the installations of steel in place of the more costly copper wire engineers report after a series of tests with the shoe on street-car lines in, Toronto. The shoe is twenty-five inches long and is thickly covered with grease which is expected to prevent the formation of sleet in the winter and to reduce the pitting and arcking of the wire. A pressure of from twenty-five to thirty pounds is required to keep the present trolley wheel against the wire, but only twelve pounds is needed with the shoe. This reduces wear and will allow the welding of wires instead of the usual frogat intersections, engineers believe. shoe has been developed in Europe.

URGENT-MESSAGE HOLDER AIDS BUSINESSMAN'S MEMORY

Businessmen who find themselves forgetting important appointments and tasks are visibly reminded of them by an urgent-

message holdintended ėг for the desk. The holder consists of a base and a tall standard, at the top of which notes calling attention to urgent business may be inserted in a clip. The standard is of such height that the eve cannot fail to



see the message as the businessman seats himself at his desk.

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An Attractive Advertising Dummy; It Reproduces Handwriting through a Sending Mechanism

DUMMY REPRODUCES WRITING AT A DISTANCE

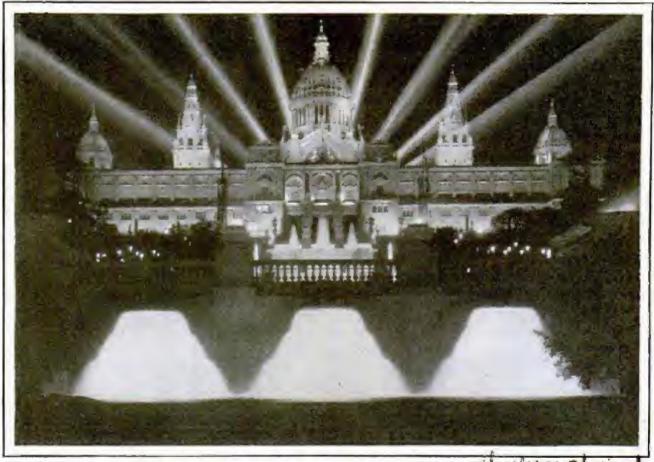
Copying the handwriting of a person who may be situated a considerable distance from it, a dummy developed in Berlin has attracted considerable attention. The writing robot faithfully copies, line for line and word for word, the handwriting of the sender who writes on a device which transmits the impulses to the dummy, which in turn transfers these impulses to a blackboard or chart. dummy is used for advertising purposes.

CORNSTALKS ARE CUT LOW IN WAR ON BORER

War against the corn borer is aided by cutting off all stalks at the ground and shredding, ensiling or burning them, but the standard corn binder leaves a five or six-inch stubble. The department of agriculture has developed devices for four makes of binders which will cut the stalks at the surface, and has also made a lowcutting hand hoe for the same purpose. Most of the parts for such an implement can be made in the farm shop.

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The National Palace at Barcelona, Spain, Pictured Above, Was Given the Effect of Wearing a Diadem by Eight Powerful Beams of Light Used to Illuminate It for an Exposition

DIADEM EFFECT GIVEN PALACE BY BEAMS OF LIGHT

Eight powerful beams of light were employed to help illuminate the national palace for the exposition at Barcelona, Spain. The beams, aside from lighting the heavens and being visible for miles, gave the palace itself the effect of wearing a diadem. In the center section and flowing down from the palace, were several cascades of water supplying a great fountain spraying water 200 feet high.

DENSITY OF SMOKE MEASURED ATO MAKE CITY AIR PURE

New York's smoke abatement campaign is being aided by an instrument which measures accurately the density of smoke in the air. The appliance is used to determine the amount



of smoke issuing from stacks at any given time. It has been estimated that soot costs the city \$96,000,000 a year. The instrument is called an "umbrascope."

CRYSTAL REPLACES PENDULUM

Quartz crystals, similar to those used in radio stations to keep the wavelength constant, are being employed to provide more accurate clocks. Experiments have shown that crystals may be used instead of the ordinary pendulum, and when so used, compare well in accuracy with the observatory clocks. Since a pendulum is not required, the crystal clock does not need the firm base on which observatory timepieces must be mounted, and so could be used in tall buildings, on shipboard, or even in aircraft. When a quartz crystal, properly cut, is placed between two metal plates and a vibrating electric current applied to them, the crystal can be made to oscillate at a certain rate with great accuracy. Crystals vibrating 100,000 times a second are used for the clock, and the alternating electric current thus estab-

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lished is made the basis of power to operate a motor geared to the clock face in such a way that it keeps correct time when the crystal vibrates accurately. Such a timepiece has been shown to vary within one onehundredth of a second a day. This compares with the best clocks of late years, but a still more accurate timepiece has been developed in England.

PICTURES IN MOSS AGATE RIVAL PAINTINGS 3 3 3

Gathering pieces of moss agate bearing de-

signs of unusual beauty, is the interesting hobby of a western man who collects most of his specimens from the bed of the Yellowstone river in Montana. After being cut and polished, the fragments display their unusual markings in striking manner. Miniature forests, lakes, islands and other scenes in soft colors are seen in the transparent stones, some of the effects being so realistic that it is difficult to believe they have been formed by nature. A rotating iron disk is the principal implement used in cutting the rough stones.



Pieces of Moss Agate Which, When Polished, Often Resemble Miniatere Forests and Lakes



Tandem Motors on This Plane Are Mounted above the Wings to Give an Unobstructed View and Add to the Power

TANDEM MOTORS OVER WINGS ADD SAFETY AND POWER

Successful tests have been concluded of a large monoplane with its two motors mounted in tandem fashion, one behind the other, on top of the plane above the wings. It is the first time motors have been placed over the wings of a land plane, and the arrangement gives the pilot an unobstructed view from his compartment in the nose, eliminates the danger of persons walking into the whirling propeller blades, decreases the noise from the engines and adds power by giving an unobstructed draft over the top of the wings and non-interference with the air stream that strikes the underside. The radialtype engines are of 525 horsepower each. the front one having a two-blade propeller and the rear a three-blade of the pusher type. Either motor can carry the plane, which is fifty-three feet long, has a wing spread of sixty-seven feet, provides room for six passengers, pilot and observer, and weighs 9,000 pounds fully loaded. The ship has a maximum speed of 160 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 140 miles.

¶To warn motorists against parking near a fire hydrant, a bright red mark is painted on the curbstone in a mid-western city.

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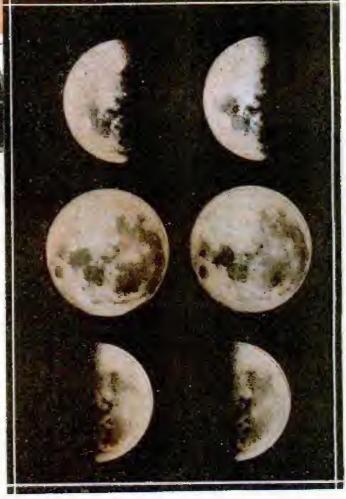
first peeks above the horizon of Luna to gild the lofty summit of Copernicus, burnishing the rim of the vast crater of this extinct volcano, at length wiping out the dense shadow in the crater's depths, and moving on to thrust back the darkness beyond.

It is as though we looked on at this from an airship a mere thousand miles away from the moon, so do the optical instruments of today annihilate distance in space, instead of

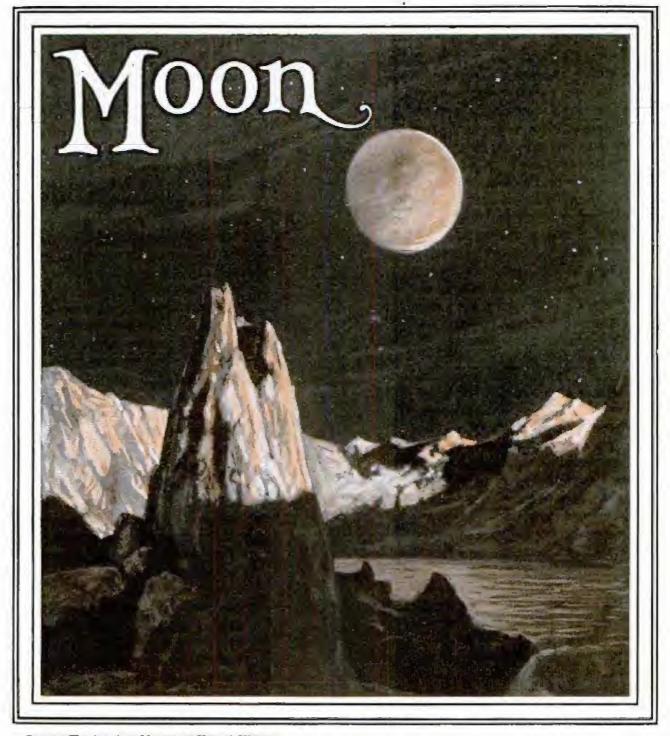
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SUNRISE on the moon! Thrilling intimacy with the great orb which rules our nights is in the first motion pictures to be made of the moon, filmed by a graduate student at Princeton University. Astronomers long have been able to watch through their telescopes as the sun dispelled the black darkness of lunar night across the scarred and pitted face of our nearest neighbor in the heavens. Now the rest of us may share this rare privilege.

Mount Copernicus, perhaps the most magnificent of the moon's mighty peaks, and certainly one of the most fascinating, is featured in this first film of the moon. Upon the screen we see the brilliance of Old Sol's rays as he



Prof. John Quincy Stewart, of Princeton University, Operating Movie Camera Attached to Big Telescope; Below, Moon Photographs



Courtesy The American Museum of Natural History

Imaginative Conception of a Moon Landscape and the Earth as Seen from the Moon, from an Oil Painting by Howard Russell Butler, N. A., in the American Museum of Natural History

the camera's being on the earth, 240,000 miles distant from its objective. And the motion picture which results discloses in a few short minutes changes on the face of the moon which really require twice as many hours to take place, hours of tireless observation on the part of the diligent astronomer.

Motion pictures of the lunar dawn are the idea of Edward G. F. Arnott. Princeton '28, now a graduate student at the university, and of Prof. John Quincy Stewart. of the Princeton department of astronomy. This was worked out with the co-operation of the former's father, Robert Fleming Arnott, of Upper Montclair, N. J., and of Arthur L. Bennett, of Williamson, N. Y., also a graduate student at Princeton, who has had considerable experience in lunar photography at Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Bennett made only still photographs there, however. No one ever made a motion picture of the moon until Arnott conceived his plan of attaching a motion-picture camera to the big telescope in Princeton observatory and having its powerful lens, twenty-three inches in diameter, take the place of the camera's own small lens. The mechanism by which this was accomplished was designed by the elder Arnott, a consulting engineer with experience almost as world-wide as President Hoover's. And the whole affair is under the general direction of Professor Stewart. The camera is a popular make of the type now common for home use, its film the familiar 16-millimeter size. An aluminum frame holds it firmly in position at the eye end of the great telescope, and the film is driven by a special electric motor. The moon and the earth whirl in space at very different speeds and this must constantly be taken into account, as well as the continual change in the position of each relative to the other, minute though these are to the unaided human eye. The moon's day is roughly thirty times as long as ours-from our first glimpse of the new moon's slim crescent to the last vestige of the oldand the moon's diameter is but about a quarter that of the earth. On the moon, the apparent motion of the sun is at the rate of somewhere about nine miles an hour, while it rushes across the surface of the earth at the comparatively high speed of 1,000 miles an hour.

Picture, then, the astronomical cameraman in Princeton observatory in the still watches of night. He and his companions have climbed long flights of

steep stairs into the tower, the machinery has rolled back the desired section of its dome, and the operator sits on the suspended seat adjustable to such position as he wishes up or down much steeper steps back of the small end of the great telescope. He is looking at the moon



Movie-Film Strip of Moon at Early Morn

through an eyepiece which stands out at right angles to the telescope itself, and he sees exactly that portion of the lunar landscape which registers on the film.

Forty per cent of the light which comes through the big lens is diverted to this guide lens, so that the operator may know precisely what he is doing. You see, in each hundred feet of this film there are 4,000 separate pictures, one taken every six seconds, and after each exposure the operator must make two distinct adjustments, independent of each other and absolutely necessary, for the "hour angle," as astronomers term it, and for the moon's declination as it crosses the night sky. The exposure each time occupies but four seconds, camera wide open, full shutter, the remaining two seconds being the operator's.

The clockwork on the telescope, designed to compensate the rotation of the earth and keep the instrument steadily directed at whatever section of the firmament the observer chooses, is not sufficiently accurate for photographic purposes. The great spyglass must now be guided within finer limits by hand, or by electrically driven machinery guided by hand. A variation on this film of even a few thousandths of an inch is a serious matter, to be magnified to a noticeable distortion on the screen.

Hence the operator sits, eye glued to the eyepiece, and with an electrically connected push button in either hand makes his two different adjustments ten times in every minute during

those two seconds while the camera shutter is closed each time. Speaking generally, these are horizontal and vertical moves, and neither may be more than one-half of one-hundredth of an inch! Else it will show on the film.

Hour after hour of the night he who

films the moon is as fully occupied as an aviator flying with no other resource than the dials on his instrument board. It requires nearly seven hours of painstaking application to the job to make a hundred feet of this picture.

Nor will a single night suffice to take the full lighting up by the sun's rays of even this one mountain, except possibly one of our longest winter nights. And even then the camera would have to catch it just right. These moon craters are huge affairs. On earth we have no mountain craters over six or seven miles across; the moon has many craters fifty and sixty miles in diameter, and 100 miles in width





Above, Photograph of Sunrise on the Moon Just Before Sun Reached Crater of Mount Copernicus, and, Below, Robert Fleming Arnott, Designer of the Moon Movie Apparatus

is by no means unknown there. The circlet of peaks which forms the crater of Copernicus is fifty-six miles across. By the time shadows were fully gone from its deepest depths the moon would have sunk beneath our western horizon, very likely.

The photographer cannot pick up his task and go ahead the following night, either; twenty hours will have made a great difference in the situation on any part of the moon. He must await conditions similar to those of his first night in the next month and hope for good luck. It took three months for Mr. Arnott to carry the lunar sunshine halfway across the crater of Copernicus and he felt himself especially fortunate to get two nights suited to his purpose in so short a time.

No rose tints paint the mountaintops at dawn on Luna, for the moon has no atmosphere. There are no gradations between darkness and light such as we have; no twilight band interposes between night and day. Before the sun comes, there is blank, black

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darkness such as we on this planet can hardly realize. On its arrival, almost instantly the first peaks to catch its rays stand out in full definition in a harsh, untempered glare in sharpest contrast to the dense blackness which obscures nearSarantmio, Hesas by terrain where it is still night. And so slowly does the sun creep across the face of the moon that the tallest upthrust of her mountains is fully illuminated hours ere the shadows recede from neighboring plains.

WIRE TWISTER FASTENS FORMS FOR CONCRETE WALLS



Wire Twister Operated like an Auger, to Tighten the Wires on Concrete Forms

Tying together the forms for concrete walls with tightly twisted wire has been y simplified by a tool which eliminates hand Z twisting, often a slow and dangerous process. By using the twister, the forms may be built in large units, instead of a board at a time, and the wire tightened after the units are placed on the footing. floor line where it is most required. The twister has a handle like an auger and an extension shaft is provided so that it is unnecessary for the person operating it to descend into a narrow form to use it.

WAX FROM A WEED "Y"

A weed known by the Spanish name candelilla, growing in profusion on the mountain slopes of western Texas and

northern Mexico, is the source of a wax suitable for the manufacture of phonograph records, floor polishes, linoleum, and for various other uses. Small wax factories in remote localities in the mountains of Texas and Mexico extract the wax in a crude form from this weed and ship it east to be refined and converted to a useful purpose in industry. The little plants in the mountains are usually isolated where automobile or wagon travel is impossible. So, the raw material in the shape of weeds is generally brought to the plants on burros, and the crude product of the factories then transported to the outside in the same manner. 3408

BASEBOARD RADIATOR HEATS FROM LEVEL OF FLOOR

Projecting its heat from the floor level where it is most efficient, a radiator is on the market which is so compact that it projects only a few inches from the wall when exposed, or it may be installed so that it is recessed partly or entirely in the baseboard, The radiator, made in eighteen and thirty-six-inch lengths, may extend straight along the wall, or make a rightangle turn. When recessed, valve connections and traps are incased for conceal-The heating device, only eight ment. inches high and three and one-half inches deep, operates on any two-pipe steam, vapor or vacuum system, and on a hotwater plant of either forced or overhead circulation, sending its heat forth at the



Floor-Level Radiator Installed, Showing How Closely
It Fits to the Wall to Save Space

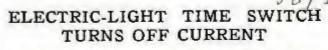
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HIGHEST-PRICED TREE BARK

To be the highestpriced bark in the world is the distinction claimed for a variety of cinnamon tree that grows in the province of Thank-Hoa, French Indo-China. The tree reaches a height of thirty or thirty-five feet, and bears a whitespotted bark. When the tree is stripped, the bark' is divided into three parts. That from the upper portion of the trunk is esteemed most highly c and that from the base the least. The king claims from the upper two-

thirds of the tree as his own; the rest is auctioned off. The bark of a single tree brings as much as 100,000 francs which even at post-war exchange rates means \$4,000. The Chinese and Annamese native doctors supply an avid market for this bark, as it is regarded as a cure-all.



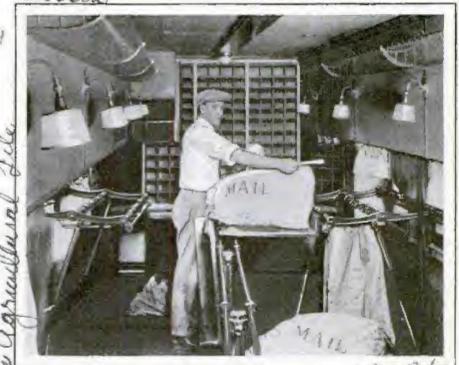
Electric-light current is saved by a time switch which may be attached to any socket and which will turn off the light at a given time. The device consists of a coupling between which is a clock, wound by pulling the cord which turns on the

light. The clock may be set at any number of minutes and when it runs down the light goes out. It may be fixed for any period from three to ten minutes, and the switch is intended particularly for stock rooms or warehouses where



light generally is needed for only a few minutes at a time.

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MAIL SORTED ABOARD PLANES OF FLYING POST OFFICES

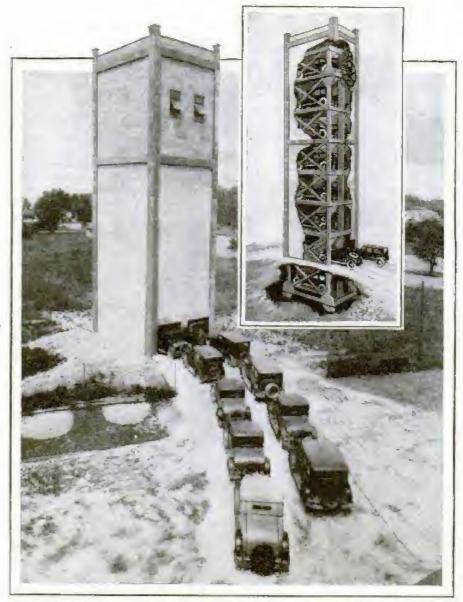
Airplanes which will serve as flying post offices when Uncle Sam decides to use them, much as railway post offices are now, are being built by the Boeing air transport, which handles mail contracts. By placing mail clerks aboard to sort letters in transit, officials estimate that about three hours can be saved on the run between Chicago and San Francisco. A fleet of eighteen-passenger transports now under construction can be converted without trouble into aerial post offices. The cabins are more than nineteen feet long and seven feet high, and the planes can carry three and one-half tons. clerks may have their meals aboard, as the planes are equipped with a small buffet.

LIGHTED STREETS GUIDE FLYERS

Two converging streets in Cheney, Wash., which form an arrowhead pointing to the airport at Spokane, at night become a guide for aviators hunting the landing field. The two streets have been equipped with sixty-two standards carrying brilliant lights which serve the double purpose of illuminating the thoroughfares and pointing to the airway, the lights from the air resembling a huge arrow.

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This Parking Tower Occupies No More Ground Space Than a Two-Car Garage, but Houses a Dozen Automobiles

PARKING TOWER SAVES SPACE AND HOUSES SIXTY CARS

Parking towers, built on plots of ground no larger than necessary to erect a twocar garage, but rising to heights allowing the housing of up to sixty autos, are being erected to relieve city-traffic congestion where space is at a premium. The tower is made of concrete with platforms of steel for the automobiles, which are moved up and down on an endless chain operated by an electric motor.

FIREPROOF MATCH IS FOUND SAFE AND PRACTICAL

Self-extinguishing cigarets and fireproof matches have been developed by the United States bureau of standards to re-

duce fire hazards. The fire-protection factor of the safety cigaret lies in an inch-long tip lined with water glass, air-excluding sodium silicate. The match is coated with water glass within half an inch of its head. Tossed aside as a fag end, the cigaret went out quickly enough to reduce fire hazards from this cause by ninety per cent, while possibilities of accidental fires were reduced about one-third by the fireproof matches. The annual fire loss from carelessness of smokers has been estimated at \$90,000,000. Investigators, after studying cigaret stubs in highways, byways and building corridors, learned that the stub usually discarded is one and one-fourth inches long. Cigarets, taking into consideration total national consumption, were found to have a forty-to-one fire hazard as compared with cigars. Through tests, it was found that five sec-

onds usually is taken to light cigarets and ten seconds for cigars and pipes. The matches were coated with the water glass to allow them to burn for the longer period.

FLY-IT-YOURSELF AIRPLANE

Persons who have a pilot's license, but do not own a plane, now may rent a ship, just as they rent an automobile. A Kansas City company which operates motor-car rental agencies in sixty-five cities has formed a fly-it-yourself company and ordered 100 two-seater sport planes to rent to persons who find it too expensive to buy their own. The rental charge is between \$15 and \$20 an hour and and a pilot also may be obtained by a person who wants to rent an airplane but does not have a pilot's license.

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MODERN SHIPS ARE MADE UP OF ONE-TENTH COPPER 🦠

About one-tenth of a modern 30,000ton ship is copper, according to the Copper and Brass Research association. The bronze propellers of such a vessel may contain 53,500 pounds of copper, shaft sleeves 53,000 pounds, main propelling machinery 200,000 pounds, electrical gear and wiring 3,000,000 pounds, and even such installations as speaking tubes about 100,000 pounds of copper. Prospective building programs of the world's merchant marines and navies are estimated at 3,000,000 gross tons of shipping a year, the yearly increase in world tonnage being about 1,000,000 tons.

DEVILFISH RELISHED AS FOOD ON NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE

One of the food delicacies of aliens on-New York's lower east side is the baby" octopus, or devilfish, which, when grown up, becomes the fearsome sea monster with long tentacles reputed to attack swimmers. A small octopus, weighing four or five pounds, is dried, and the purchaser soaks it for forty-eight hours before cooking, after which those who relish it say the meat develops a fine flavor.



Dried Baby Devilfish Which Is Considered a Food Delicacy by Some New York Foreigners



Round Playing Cards Which Those Who Have Used Them Say Are Easier to Shuffle and Deal

ROUND PLAYING CARDS EASIER TO SHUFFLE AND DEAL

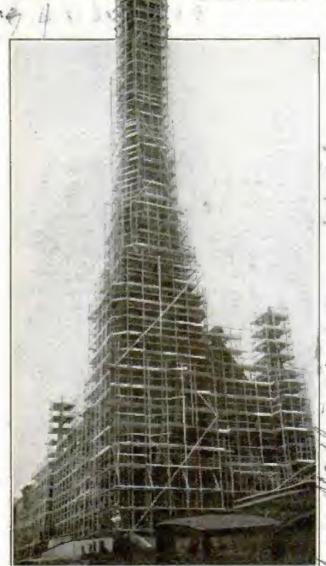
Round playing cards are being produced by a British manufacturer who claims these cards, representing the first change in shape to be made in many years, are easier to shuffle and deal. The cards have six spots and numbers distributed around the rims so that numbers and suits are easily read in any position.

COLORED BOMBS FOR POLICE

London police are experimenting with color bombs, enabling them to deal more effectively with thieves who make their get-away in automobiles. The hombs are about the size of a tennis ball, made of thin metal and filled with a liquid described as quick-drying, viscous and luminous. A policeman, seeing the escape of a car containing thieves, throws the bomb. at the fleeing auto. When it bursts it spreads a penetrating odor and spatters the machine with the quick-drying enamel, thus "spotting" it so that the next officer seeing it would arrest the occupants.

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The Steel Frame about This Building under Repair Protects Both Pedestrians and Workmen

STEEL FRAME ABOUT BUILDING PROTECTS PEDESTRIANS

Pedestrians and workers are protected ened at the center to carry passengers. from accidents by a huge steel frame that has been erected about the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas on a busy New York street while the edifice is under repair. The steel scaffolds, which give the building the appearance of a big honeycomb, are fireproof and built to prevent a blaze such as started from wooden scaffolding and destroyed the old Rockefeller church in New York some time ago.

BREAKING POINT OF CRACKERS

Bakers are measuring the breaking point of cookies and crackers to determine the best "shortening" to obtain as tender a product as possible, which will at the same time withstand handling and shipping. The breaking strength varies

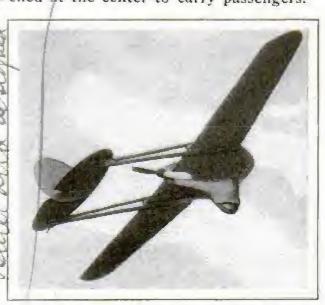
with the kind of flour and type and quantity of fatty matter used. The cracker is placed across two parallel rails and a pressure rod placed on it. Lead shot are poured into a cup at the top of the pressure rod until the cracker breaks, afterwhich the weight of the shot is recorded.

HOTTER SPARK FOR AUTO GIVEN BY EXTRA CONDENSER 3321

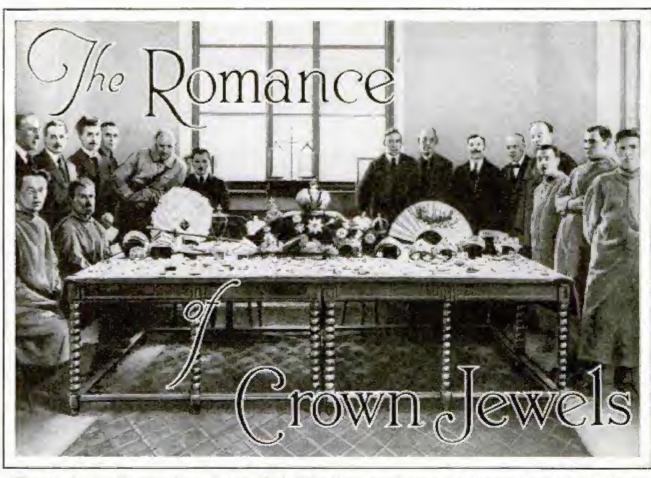
Protecting the ignition, increasing the intensity of the spark and preserving the distributor points, a condenser is on the market for automobiles with battery igni-It helps overcome trouble caused by pumping cylinders, gives a hot spark, enabling the use of heavier oil and a weaker mixture of gas, thus saving fuel. t facilitates starting and gives added power for heavy pulls, the makers say.

AIRPLANE WITHOUT FUSELAGE CARRIES LOAD IN WINGS

Capable of carrying a large cargo and from ten to twenty passengers, an airplane without the present cumbersome fuselage is being built in Los Angeles. The designer claims the elimination of the fuselage not only reduces structural but diminishes complications. thereby Jessening the cost of construction. The plane has a landing wheel in the center under the wings and ground hooks at the rear, and its wings are thick-



Model of Airplane without Fuselage Which Carries Its Load in the Thickened Wings



Photograph of the Russian Crown Jewels; Their Value Has Been Estimated at Seventy-Five Billion Dollars; Part of the Collection Has Been Sold by the Soviet Government

By HAROLD T. WILKINS.

TASTE and fashion in gems are as fickle as style in dress. At one time the rage is all for color, then the vogue passes on to white stones.

The ruby, "lord of gems," as the Orientals say, has from time out of mind burned in the crowns of kings or on the forehead of an idol in a Hindu temple, flaming redly from the jeweled breastplates or sparkling from the gold symbols of priests of the oldest and most mysterious of Asiatic faiths. European royalties have always favored colored stones. Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, of England, chose an emerald engagement ring and among the Russian crown jewels are the world's finest rubies. Today, a vivid pigeon-blood ruby costs ten times as much as the finest rose Kimberley diamond of the same size.

From the beginning of history, the world's finest rubies have come from a region of dense forest jungle, rising on ranges of hills above Mogok, and the mines of Mandalay, 400 feet above sea level in Upper Burma.

Millions of years ago, a white-hot flame and molten rock, belching out of the interior of the earth, came in contact with white limestone. The limestone crystallized into calcite and the impurities became the ruby, or corundum.

Hundreds of years ago, a Burman came to Mogok selling tamarinds. He exchanged his fruit for a red stone, which he gave to the king of Ava, who was so fascinated with the gem that he bought the land from which it had come. The ruby became what it still is-an object of worship throughout the East. No white man, in the old days, was allowed to approach the Burmese ruby mines, which were guarded by soldiers. The king of Burma took all the stones, and only a few fine ones were smuggled, at the risk of painful death, out of Burma. When a fine large ruby was found, a procession of grandees and elephants, escorted by soldiers, was sent out to take the gem to the royal treasure house. The king of Burma was called "Lord of the Rubies."

The old kings of England fancied rubies



Natives with Truck Used in Hauling Ruby Earth: the Carrier, Attached to an Endless Rope, Is Pulled to the Washing House

in their crowns and regalias. When the coffin of Edward the Confessor was opened in Westminster Abbey, searchers found a fine gold crucifix suspended from a gold chain. The crucifix was fastened by a massive locket of gold gemmed with large stones, one of them a splendid ruby. King George V has a coronation ring of plain gold set with a large violet table ruby. In the crown of England is a fine large cherry-colored balas ruby, which came from the mountains of Baluchistan, India, more than 600 years ago. It was given to the Black Prince of England for helping Pedro of Castile in his wars. This ruby blazed on the helmet of Henry V at the battle of Agincourt. It is likely that it was stolen by some crusader at the sack of a Saracen city in the days of the great Sultan Saladin. The crusader perhaps brought it to Europe on his return and the gem drifted into the hands of the queen of France, who willed it to her brother, the Emperor Rudolph of Austria.

Gems such as these have pedigrees far more ancient than those of any living European monarch.

In Paris, there is an old building known as the Mont de Piete, which could tell some strange tales of the secrets of modern European kings. It was set up by the French king Louis XVI. in 1777, and at one time had in its vaults no fewer than forty barrels of gold watches. It loaned money on the security of jewels and valuables and the amount of money lent in the course of a year amounted to \$40,-000,000. Many of the jewels were rubies of priceless value.

A mysterious robbery of the French crown jewels which has never been cleared up occurred at the Garde Meuble, Paris, The Garde Meuble had in its vaults and cellars the jewels and regalia of the old kings of

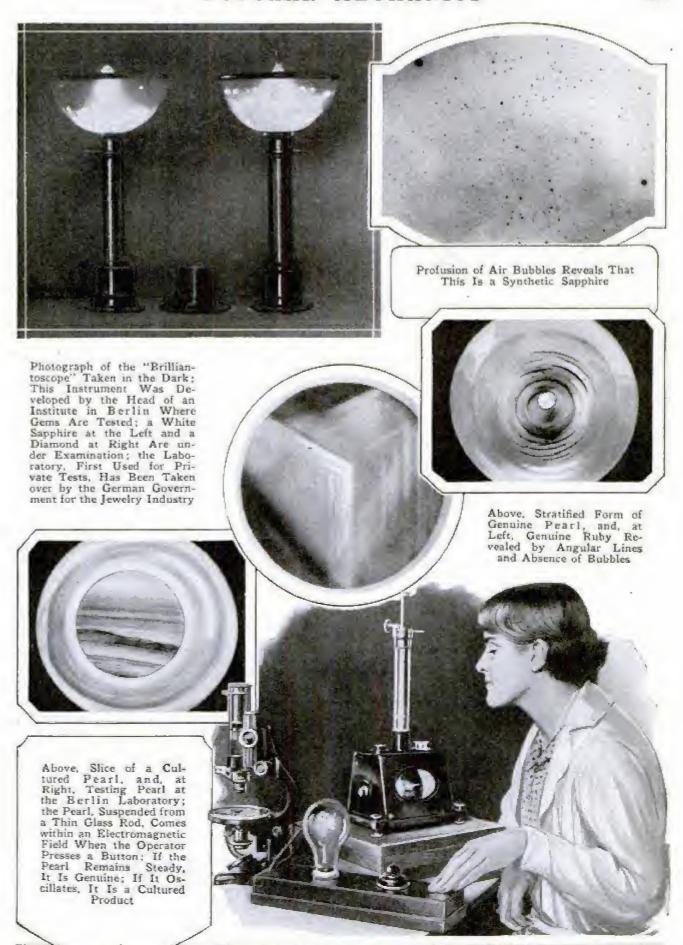
France. Before the time of the revolution, the public could see the regalia but the commune of Paris sealed up the vaults containing the cases holding the crown, scepter and hand of justice, and a golden shrine richly jeweled with rubies and diamonds which had been given by Cardinal Richelieu to Louis XIII, This "chapel," or shrine, weighed more than fifty-six pounds. All of these jewels were stolen during the revolution, but the famous Regent diamond, pawned by Napoleon with the Batavian government, to raise funds for a war, was recovered later. Kings' jewels sometimes fall into private hands in ways unknown. The old court jeweler of the kings of France, de Berquem, tells of a man of rank in Paris who my: teriously acquired three magnificent rubies which had belonged to French kings and queens. One of the rubies had been set in a gold crown covered with gems with which Pope Stephen II had

and weighed 1231/2 carats.

The magnificent rubies, which the mad

crowned Louis le Debonnaire in Rheims

cathedral. The gem was lozenge-shaped



empress Charlotte saved after the execution of the emperor Maximilian in Mexico are known to be lying along with other Austrian crown jewels in the strong rooms of the American liner "Merida," which sank in a collision during a fog off Cape Charles, Virginia, in 1911. Several attempts have been made by syndicates of American salvors to fish up these jewels, but without success.

Now and again, the London auction rooms glow and glitter with splendid rubies, crudely cut, sent there for sale by some financially straitened Oriental potentate whose ancestors have worn the gems for hundreds of years. The Persian Shah has a throne of gold—the Takdis—standing on feet of rubies. It was a Persian shah who showed a Venetian ambassador a handkerchief filled with beautiful blood-red rubies, including a splendid table-cut balas ruby of a finger's breadth and weighing two and a half ounces, with other gems.

"What price would you ask for this exquisite ruby?" asked the Italian.

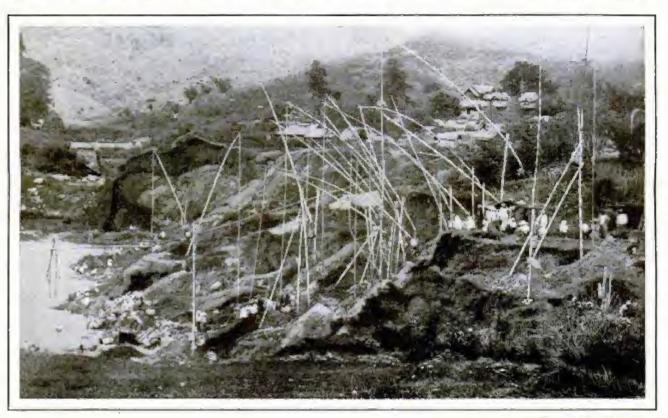
"A kingdom would scarcely buy it!" was the answer.

Runjeet Singh, the Indian ruler of the Punjab, had a ruby weighing half an ounce, engraved with the names of famous Indian emperors and kings who at one time owned the gem. Kingdoms were pawned and subjects and their property put in pledge to buy one of these splendid gems. Flowers made of the finest gems,

and roses made of rubies with leaves of glistening emeralds, glittering with diamond spray, were set by Shah Jehan on the wonderfully beautiful tomb of his wife in the Taj Mahal, near Agra, India. A screen of marble, carved like delicate lace, enriches this tomb, and lilies, tulips, and roses of rich white and red gems are inlaid in the marble.

The gem faker has, of course, tried his hands on the ruby. A case of a skillful imitation which deceived even experts occurred in England a short time ago. A society woman had a very large ruby which she sold in her lifetime, and replaced with an imitation which a jeweler, who valued the imitation for probate duty, said was worth \$50,000. The legatee paid a large tax on the imitation before he found it was a fake.

Some of the world's wiliest fakers are to be found in the East. A passenger on a liner calling at Colombo, Ceylon, will be accosted by a handsome Singhalese, who has rubies for sale. The natives of Ceylon dig shallow pits in ruby grounds or wash the gems out of the sands of rivers. When genuine, the Ceylon ruby is a fine, pale rose-colored stone. The Singhalese shows the white traveler what seems a



Courtesy Eric Romsay

genuine ruby. Really it is a fake, called a "doublet" or half-stone. The top of this stone is genuine, but the under part is glass joined cleverly with cement. When set, these doublets are hard to detect. If the underpart is glass, a file will show it. Colored foil is used to enhance the effect. but gems "set open," or "azir," are faked by painting or enameling the interior of the setting to throw a color tint into the gem.

What makes the ruby red? This is unknown, but may be a mysterious property of the oxide of alumina. Rubies are really only bits of transmuted clay, Only a diamond is hard enough to scratch a ruby. The most valuable of all rubies is the imperfect gem called the "Star ruby." This star is formed by a silky imperfection in the gem, and shines when held up to the sunlight or artificial light, showing with great distinctness a six-pointed across the crystal. A fine colored star ruby is very costly. Jewelers take care to get the center of the star as nearly as possible in the middle of the gem.

Red gems for brunettes and white for blondes-that is the fashion rule. Superstitious folk say the ruby keeps the wearer in good health and cheers the mind. If the wearer is threatened with danger, the ruby is supposed to blacken and not regain its color till the danger is gone.

WIRELESS ON FRONT OF ENGINE GIVES ENGINEER WARNING

German railway and air-service engineers and mechanics are making a deter-



mined effort to eliminate accidents in the air and on land by creating devices to give warning of danger. One of the appliances is a wireless installation on the front of the boiler of the railroad engine, intended to convey wireless messages to the engi-

neer in the cab concerning the operation of his train or of danger ahead.



A German Vending Machine Which Serves Hot Sau-sage, Bread and Mustard for a Sandwich

HOT-DOG SANDWICHES SERVED BY VENDING MACHINE

Germany, famed for its sausage sandwiches, has introduced a hot-frankfurter slot machine which dispenses hot dogs automatically. For ten pfennig, about two cents, the hungry obtains fresh sausage, bread and mustard.

RADIUM FOR FISH BAIT

Radium has been employed by scientists as a lure for fish in obtaining deep-sea specimens off the coast of Bermuda, William Beebe, New York naturalist, used the radium for coating hooks attached to sounding wires about a mile long, which were lowered to depths where no light exists. Among the specimens that bit on the radium-coated hooks was a squid, member of the octopus family; a fish equipped with a rod, line, bait and three hooks and an ability to cast the hooks much as an angler does, and other fish with many patterns of phosphorescent light in blue, yellow and red. One fish < observed through a microscope had a stomach so elastic it was able to swallow another fish three times its size.

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Russian Children Are Finding Fun by Combining Two Old Sports, the Seesaw Board and the High Swing

HIGH SEESAW PROVIDES FUN FOR FOUR CHILDREN

Combining a swing with a seesaw board, children of soviet Russia have found new thrills in an old sport. Tall poles support the swing and a long plank, to the ends of which ropes are attached, provides the seesaw arrangement on which four children are accommodated.

PUGILISTIC ROBOTS FIGHT TILL ONE IS KNOCKED OUT

Pugilistic robots, mechanical men who box each other with blows twice as heavy as their human models, have been made

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by two Pasadena mechanical experts, and are able to put on an excellent fight until one or the other is knocked out. When first constructed, the robots started fighting when a switch was pressed, but to give spectators some part, the control apparatus was connected with a wheel, like the steering wheel of an auto, and some distance from the mechanical men. Pushing the wheel moves the fighters toward or away from each other, a turn pivots them to right or left, and control buttons on the wheel enable the operator to govern arm movements. The fighters were fashioned after a human skeleton, with a framework of iron tubing and aluminum castings. When one robot has been hit squarely on the chin and again on the chest, it falls to the floor. During a battle they even converse in hoarse tones, Each fighter is capable of eight separate movements singly or simultaneously, these movements being governed by

a "brain" consisting of a hollow fiber sphere on whose inner walls are electrical contacts connected to the parts that produce the action. Only decided impulses may be trasmitted to the "muscles."

ATOMS' NOISE HEARD ON RADIO

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Making a sound like hail pattering against a windowpane, the noise of atoms recently was broadcast by radio. The sound produced was that of helium atoms leaving the radioactive metal uranium, and bombarding a small piece of metal. A piece of uranium natarger than a nickel was used, the atoms leaving it faster than the fire of a machine gun.

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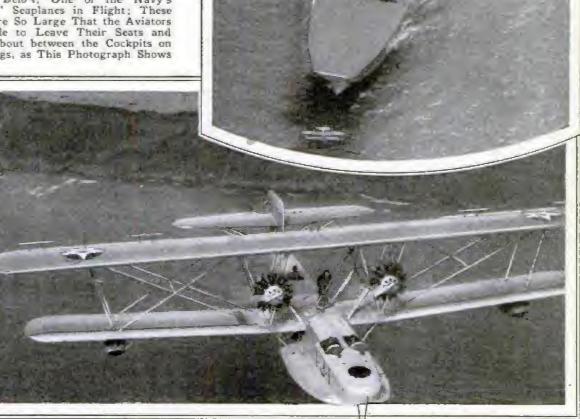
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SMOKE SCREENS GUARD FLYING BATTLE FLEET



When the "Lexington" and "Saratoga" Carry Their Broods of Airplanes, They Are Given Not Only Big-Gun Protection by the Pleet and Aerial Safety by Aircraft Squadrons, but Also Are Shielded by Dense Smoke Screens to Hide Their Movements from an Enemy: in the Photograph Above, the "Lexington" Is Emerging from a Smoke Screen Laid Down during Maneuvers on the Pacific Coast: Note the Planes on the Bow Ready to Take Off; at the Right, a Remarkable View, Looking Down on the "Saratoga" and Her Flock of Planes; One Has Just Risen from the Deck into the Air: the Carrier Steams into the Wind at a Speed of Twenty Knots or So, and, After a Remarkably Short Run, the Planes Are Able to Soar Away; Below, One of the Navy's "PN-12" Scaplanes in Flight; These Craft Are So Large That the Aviators Are Able to Leave Their Seats and Walk About between the Cockpits on the Wings, as This Photograph Shows

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Drawings of Movie-Screen Sections Formed by Wind-

Drawings of Movie-Screen Sections Formed by Winding a Silver Wire about a Cotton Thread

MOVIE SCREEN REFLECTS RAYS WITHOUT DISTORTION

A new talking-picture screen that may revolutionize the projection end of the movie business has been invented. It is said to be the only reflecting, seamless screen that can be made in the new width of forty feet, which soon may be the standard size used for the showing of sound pictures. The inventor's first efforts went toward the perfecting of a process of applying aluminum paint to the existing screens. Then he tried making a screen of glass beads and found that it. would work beautifully but could not be manufactured or used practically. next venture consisted in threading a silver-coated wire at regular intervals through a cotton body, or filling. talking pictures arrived at this juncture and, when the curtain was tried, it was found to distort the sound. He overcame this difficulty by making his silvercoated wire into a tiny coil wound longitudinally about a cotton thread. He then discovered various interesting features. He had not only a strongly reflective screen but one that added considerable amplification to the sound sent through

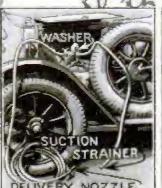
it from the big horns. In use, the screen amplifies the sound and casts a brilliant picture, equally clear in the first row of the orchestra and in the balcony.

ROCKETS MAY AID AIRPLANES 3 3 /4 IN TAKING OFF

Rocket propulsion, not in actual flight but to give airplanes and heavily loaded seaplanes an increase of motive power at the instant of take-off, is the subject of experiments by the German Junkers aircraft makers. The rocket auxiliary propulsion is intended to reduce the length of the run before the take-off, and to aid the planes to rise regardless of the load. The idea was secretly used by the British admiralty during the World War to propel submarines in a hurry to escape an enemy cruiser.

AUTO WASHER AND TIRE PUMP GET POWER FROM CAR

The automobile itself furnishes the water pressure of a car washer and the air pressure for a tire inflator in two motor appliances operating on a similar principle and being marketed by a British company. On connecting either instrument in the place of one of the spark plugs, the reciprocal action of the engine piston is followed by pulsations of a diaphragm in the device. When the diaphragm is drawn in one direction by suction, it creates a partial vacuum, causing the chamber on the other side to become filled with air or water. When the diaphragm moves in the opposite direction, it displaces the air or water and this is driven past a valve into the delivery hose. and emerges undersconsiderable pressure.





An Auto Washer and Tire Pump, Both of Which Are Operated by the Engine of the Car

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This Captive Balloon Is Equipped with a Motor Enabling It to Be Converted into a Dirigible Airship; Three Steering Bags Are Used as Stabilizers for the Convertible Blimp

CAPTIVE BALLOON WITH MOTOR CONVERTED INTO DIRIGIBLE

German engineers have developed a captive balloon equipped with an engine which allows it to be converted into a dirigible airship in only half an hour. Three steering bags are used as stabilizers, two lateral ones being filled with gas, and the lowermost one containing air. The rigging for holding the balloon captive attaches to a belt ending on one extremity at the observer's basket, and on the other, at a cross-rope pulley and below the belt. is an elastic section responding to variation in gas pressure. By removing the fastening cable and basket, a motor and vertical and horizontal rudders may be attached, enabling the balloon to be run at moderate speed.

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Nature's own cooling system has been harnessed by a Portland, Oreg., theater which drilled artesian wells tapping subterranean lakes 150 feet beneath the surface. to obtain a supply of water which is consistently fifty-two degress. This naturally cooled water supply is pumped through three banks of sprays through which a

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fan draws the air to be used for ventila-After being washed and cooled, the air is sucked through a drying room. where the humidity is lowered to normal and where warm air may be passed into the stream if necessary to regulate the temperature. A large saving is effected by the system, because the necessity for artificial refrigeration is eliminated.

SELF-WRINGING MOP ON REEL ALSO POLISHES FLOORS

Becoming in turn a mop, a long-handled scrub brush or a floor polisher, a reel mop containing a self-wringing attachment

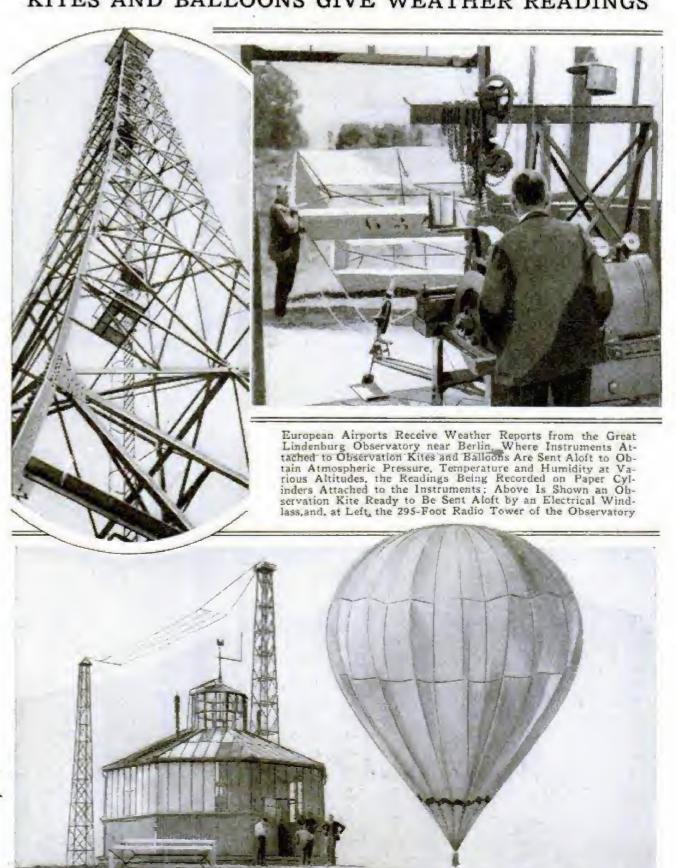
now is on the market. A crank turns the mop against a roller for wringing and the mop may be fastened against the roller in any position, When unrolled, it serves as an ordinary mop, when partly rolled it may be

used for scrubbing, and when wrung dry, rolled up and covered with cheesecloth, the mop becomes a floor polisher.

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KITES AND BALLOONS GIVE WEATHER READINGS

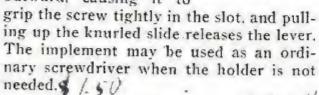


Scientists Watch the Progress of Small Rubber Balloons Filled with Hydrogen Gas until They Burst When Their Height Is Recorded; Above Is One of the Large Observation Balloons Being Hauled Down by Electrical Windlass after Obtaining Readings 1) Water 181

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SCREWDRIVER IS ADAPTED FOR HARD TASKS

Fitting screws in positions not easily accessible is simplified with a screwdriver which firmly holds the screw on its end while it is being inserted and driven. The tool may be operated with one hand, the blade being slotted to accommodate a steel lever pivoted in the blade by a small pin. At the upper end of the lever is a cam, above which is a knurled sleeve. Pushing down his sleeve, just below the handle, forces the lower end of the lever outward, causing it to





Courtesy The Christian Monitor

A Self-Serving Rack Enables Theater Patrons to Pick Their Own Seats without Referring to the Box Office

SELF-SERVICE FOR TICKETS ADOPTED BY THEATER

Persons attending concerts at Boston symphony hall choose their own seats from a portable automatic subscription rack, otherwise known as a ticket "cafeteria," placed in the lobby for their convenience. The rack shows a floor plan of the theater and in each seat location is an application blank looking like the ticket itself as it projects from its pocket. The

prospective purchaser goes to the rack, surveys the floor plan, observes what tickets are yet unsold and chooses for himself. All the box-office man does is to accept the reservations. The top half of the projecting pasteboard looks like a ticket stub, but the lower section contains the application for the reservation.

¶Some frogs lay as many as 8,000 eggs,

OLD LICENSE PLATES OF AUTOS USED AS CATTLE BLINDERS

Discarded automobile license plates are used by a New York farmer to keep unruly cattle from tearing down pasture

fences. A ring is placed in the nose. and small chains run from it to the tip of each hom. where small holes have been drilled for fastening. The plate is hung on the chains directly before the eyes, preventing the animal from seeing objects in front of it/ but still enabling it to feed. It seems to eliminate the roaming proclivities and the animals become quite tractable.

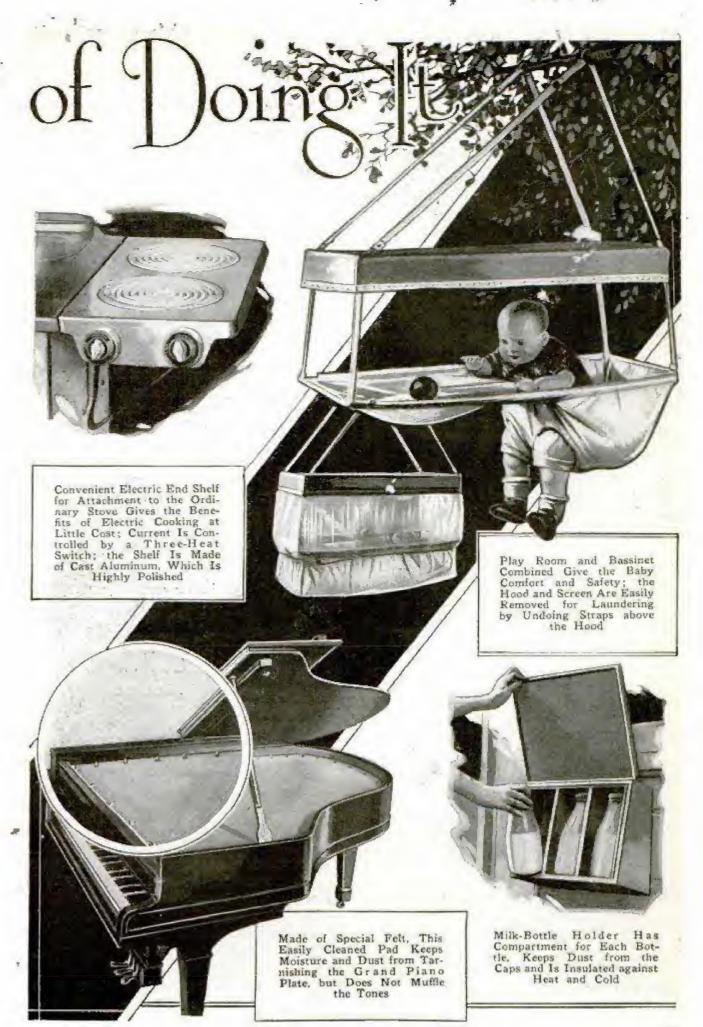


Cattle That Jump or Tear Down Fences Are Curbed by Blinders Made from Old Auto License Tags

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This Self-Dumping Scow Leaps on End to Empty Itself When an Air Compartment Is Flooded by the Man Aboard

LEAPING SCOW DUMPS ITSELF WITH MAN ABOARD

Doing in ten minutes work that formerly took eight hours, a self-dumping scow that leaps on end to empty itself with a man aboard, then is righted automatically, is being used in dredging operations at the mouth of the Fraser river in British Columbia. When the inlet valve at one end of the loaded scow is opened by the man aboard, water pours into the flood compartment until that end sinks below the surface, the rear end leaping into the air as the load slides along the deck and into the water. With the load gone, the front end bobs to the surface. bringing the inlet above the water line, and the flooded compartment drains itself, after which the valve is closed and it is ready for another load.

VOLCANO SPORTS
PAINT, INK AND
DYES

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Ashes and pumice spouted by Lassen peak in California, only active volcano in the United States, have been used successfully in making paints, inks and dves after being soaked with natural chemicals. As a result, an industry based on this discovery has sprung up, and quantities of powder, which forms the material of the three products, are being sent to San Francisco to be made into paint used primarily for automobile bodies. The powder also has been used for making both inks and dves. The process was discovered by chance when a prospector, seeking to develop a sulphur mine, left his vest on chemily cally heated ground near the prospect hole. The vest contained samples of ash and pumice, and the prospector found that, at the end of the o

day, it had been partly dyed a bright blue. The vest was ruined, but the prospector abandoned the sulphur diggings for the new project. The soil is dissolved in acid-treated water in a series of tanks and subjected to a second treatment to give the desired coloring.

SOUNDS MADE VISIBLE IN FOG

Protecting ships in a fog is aided by an apparatus making sounds visible which recently was tested on a British ship. Points of light are thrown on a screen in front of the helmsman, the device being much more sensitive than the human ear. It picks up every sound within a wide radius, shows the direction from which it comes, the distance it has traveled and its character. Even the faintest

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noise is screened, and it is possible for the helmsman to see a signal from a steamer in dense fog or from a regular fog-sounding station. A modified form of the instrument is being tested for use in airplanes when they are caught in fog. It weighs only a few pounds and shows sounds which otherwise would be drowned by the noise of the motors. The apparatus also is being tried to locate distant gunfire and sunken ships, and may be helpful in the locality of strange "blind spots" on the ocean where, it is said, fog signals cannot be heard by the ear.

CHALK-MARKING PARKED CARS AIDS TRAFFIC POLICE

In a recent campaign against abuse of the parking ordinances, Detroit police saved considerable time and work by using a bamboo stick, to which was attached a piece of chalk, to mark cars left too long at the curb. As the police automobile was driven along the street, an officer made a mark on one of the tires of the parked vehicle. An hour later, tow cars were sent over the route to pull to the pound all automobiles bearing the chalk mark. It was found that eleven police automobiles and one man on foot could make the rounds of the downtown district as quickly as fifty men on foot.



Chalk-Marking Parked Cars from Police Automobile Saved Detroit Traffic Officers Time and Trouble



A Shadowless Light for the Operating Table Formed by Focusing Eight Beams from Various Angles

LIGHT FOR OPERATING TABLE IS SHADOWLESS

Giving complete illumination of all parts of the field of operation, and leaving no dark or shaded portions, a virtually shadowless light has been invented for the hospital operating room. The light is suspended from the ceiling, and illumination is derived from eight widely separated direct light sources, each projecting an intense beam. The eight beams are converged simultaneously to any desired focal point by a single control handle, and are superimposed, forming an eightfold patch of light, eighteen inches in diameter. The light is without glare and produces very little heat.

During the fiscal year 1929, the federal government co-operated with the states in the improvement of 7,022 miles of road.

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Hopi Rain-Making Ceremony: Weird Rites Such as These Have Been Practiced by Savages for Centuries in an Effort to Produce Favorable Weather Conditions at Will

By CALVIN FRAZER

THE ARTIFICIAL control of weather is far from being a mere dream of the future. It is already accomplished to a vast extent in all parts of the world.

One of the most familiar methods of achieving this miracle is the wearing of Everybody except the savage of the tropics carries an artificial climate around with him for the comfort of his body. The interior of a heated house in winter is a man-made torrid zone. That of the up-to-date motion-picture palace in summer sometimes comes uncomfortably near being a man-made north pole. Air-conditioning engineers regulate to a nicety the humidity of the atmosphere in factories. Fruit growers warm up acres of air outdoors in order to circumvent Jack Frost. Farmers produce extensive areas of artificial calm by growing windbreaks around their fields.

Partly by the control of his atmospheric environment and partly in other ways, civilized man tends to become more and more independent of weather. The introduction of our modern system of weather forecasts and storm warnings, dating from the middle of the last century, was an important step in this direction. Information flashed by radio enables the mariner to dodge storms at sea, and their effects on land are greatly mitigated by storm warnings, storm-proof construction, insurance and the organized relief measures that follow every great weather disaster.

One of the most striking illustrations of our present-day independence of weather is the fact that winter has been robbed of the terrors that it had for our ancestors. Once it was proverbial for gloom and discomfort, but now it is generally regarded, in civilized communities, as the gayest and most enjoyable season of the year. Its cold and darkness and the embargo that its snow and ice formerly laid out upon travel and human intercourse have all been abolished.

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Still greater independence of weather will probably be attained in the future, regardless of the progress that may be made in the taming of the atmosphere to man's will. For example, in the course of the next century, or less, the production of foods will probably be shifted to a large extent from the field to the factory, and will thus be removed from weather influences. Not long ago most of the leading dvestuffs, such as madder and indigo, were obtained entirely by agricultural methods, but now man has learned how to produce them by means of synthetic chemistry, and it seems likely that most foods will eventually be produced in the same manner.

At the present time, however, the world has something like 1.500,000,-000 acres of food crops and other agricultural

crops subject to damage by drouth, excessive rains, frost and hail, and the like, and this fact alone, even if no other interests were at stake, would justify the intense desire of mankind to obtain further control over the weather. A single drouth in South Africa recently cost \$80,000,000—nearly as much as that country contributed to the World War. Is it strange that, in a region thus afflicted, people take a great deal of interest in doubtful but not demonstrably impossible schemes for making rain?

Hail is another costly scourge that humanity has eagerly sought means to avert. The world's annual hail bill is estimated



Huge Blower That Distributes a Stream of Warmed Air to Guard Orchard against Frost on Cold Nights

at upward of \$200,000,000, and in proportion to the area affected, the heaviest losses are borne by the vine-growing districts of southern Europe, which have consequently been, since early times, the proving ground for all sorts of attempts to combat hailstorms. Originally these undertakings were purely superstitious. Bells were rung, horns were blown and firearms were discharged in the hope of frightening away the demons of the storm. Sometimes bullets marked with pious crosses were fired at the clouds.

The most interesting fact about these superstitious undertakings in hail prevention is that they have been revived in a



Another Weapon against Frosts to Protect Fruit Trees and Their Crops; Fire and Smudge Pots Do Control the Weather Effectively in Such Emergencies, Saving Huge Fruit Losses

modernized form and on a vast scale in our own times. The noise-making processes of long ago furnished the inspiration for the gigantic "hail shooting" craze that broke out in Austria at the close of the nineteenth century and soon spread to neighboring countries. Special forms of mortars which discharged smoke rings instead of projectiles, were used in these exploits, which cost millions of dollars and were the subject of elaborate scientific investigations.

Various attempts were made to dispel fog even before this problem became of vast practical importance on account of the rise of aviation, which now loses, in time and damaged planes, millions of dollars a year, besides a good many lives, on account of this weather handicap. Sir Oliver Lodge tried electrical precipitation in England many years ago. A little later the similar Cottrell process, which is so successfully applied to treating industrial dusts and fumes, was used on the fogs along the California coast under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution. The army and navy air services in this country and the royal air force in Great Britain have tried the effects of sprinkling various

dusts in the air, and electrified sand has been similarly employed in the United States. Some of these experiments had in view the possibility of rain making as well as the dispersal of fogs and clouds.

Probably the most ambitious efforts to dispel fog were those that were in progress until about a year ago at the Naval Aircraft factory in Philadelphia, where elaborate machines were constructed for spraying electrified water drops into foggy air in order to cause the fog particles to coalesce and fall to the ground. Lastly, the process of coating the surface of a river with oil to check evaporation and prevent troublesome fogs from forming was tried at Lyons, France, just before the World War, and at Pittsburgh, in this country, about six years ago. In several of the undertakings above mentioned some success was attained, but no process seems yet to have justified itself on financial grounds.

Many of the most striking experiments in weather control have only been carried out on paper. These include the plan, for which a patent was once issued, to break up tornadoes by explosions, set off by the storm itself, and the more magnif-

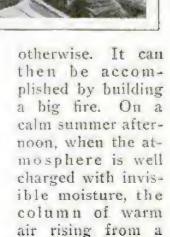
icent proposal, submitted to the weather bureau by a university professor after the West India hurricane in 1928, to prevent the great tempests of the tropics from getting a good start by blowing them up with explosives at their breeding places.

What, now, do all these plans, experiments and partial successes amount to? What can be done toward conquering the weather? Undoubtedly a great deal, if people were willing and able to pay the price. If the air of an orchard can be warmed a few degrees through a frosty night by the burning of oil heaters, the air over an entire county or state might be kept warm indefinitely by a similar process, though of course the expense would be colossal.

Rain making on a fairly large scale is also feasible, by known methods, when atmospheric conditions are favorable, but not



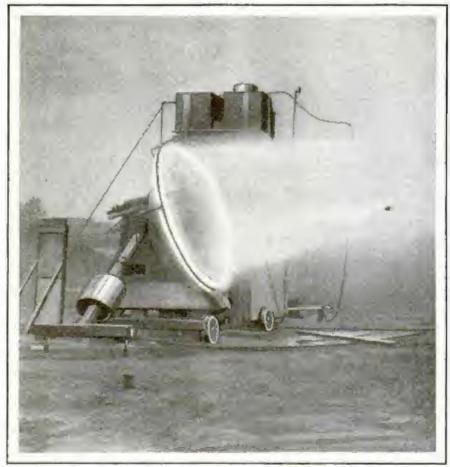
Top, Shooting at a Waterspout; Center, Futile "Hail Rods" on the Eiffel Tower, and, Bottom, Equally Use-less Hail Cannon



burning forest or a burning city eventually becomes capped with a cumulus cloud, and in some cases this has been observed to grow into a thunderhead, from which fell enough rain to put out the fire that

produced it.

Of course human beings could imitate this process—as they have probably sometimes done by accident-and fires big enough for the purpose could be built without sacrificing either a forest or a city; but until some new and revolutionary method of generating heat at low cost is discovered, the expense of making rain in this manner will remain prohibitive. If we had unlimited supplies of heat at our disposal, we could perform other sensational feats in weather making besides producing rain. It is the heat of the sun that keeps the entire machinery of winds



Experimenting against Fog; This Apparatus, Tested by the Navy, Sprays Electrified Water Drops in an Effort to Dissipate Mists

and weather in motion, so that when man can rival Old Sol as a fireman, he will also be able to rival him as a weather maker.

Rain cannot be made and fogs cannot be dispelled by concussion. As Prof. Simon Newcomb pointed out years ago, if we stand in the steam escaping from a teakettle and clap our hands we do not produce a shower, though we jostle the water drops much more than does a violent explosion at the distance of a few hundred yards.

The water vapor in humid air can be easily condensed by a little cooling, and we can cause condensation in such air by adding a little water vapor without changing the temperature—as happens when the moisture from the motor of an aeroplane leaves a long trail of cloud behind the plane that might be mistaken for "sky writing." Condensation can likewise often be induced locally by charging the air with dusts, but most of the substances hitherto proposed or used for this purpose in weather-making experiments are quite costly, and some, such as sulphuric acid, are not desirable to sprinkle over

people's property. Moreover, the problem of the rain maker is not merely to form drops in the air, but to make them big enough to fall as rain; and, likewise, in most attempts to dissipate fog, the aim has been to cause the tiny drops of the fog to unite and form raindrops. It is now generally recognized that drops floating in the air do not readily coalesce unless some of them are electrified. An electric discharge between neighboring drops tends to break down the cushion of air that separates them and permit them to flow together. The best results in rain making and fog dispersal are obtained by electrifying some drops positively and some negatively, by means of alter-

nating currents, either sent into the air in the form of a brush discharge or carried

by electrified spray or sand.

These electrical methods are now practicable within narrow limits. In time of war, when money is spent without stint, they might be employed rather extensively for clearing fog from landing fields, and in time of peace, the sprinkling of thin clouds with electrified sand, or some similar process, might save a costly eclipse expedition from spending its time and money in vain. The prospects of general application to rain making and fog prevention do not seem bright at present, but the interests at stake are so enormous that experiments in these and other lines certainly should be continued. After all, who can prescribé limits to the achievements of science and invention? The "impossibilities" of one generation become the commonplace accomplished facts of the next.

The longest air line on the American continent has been opened between Los Angeles and Guatemala City, 2,700 miles.

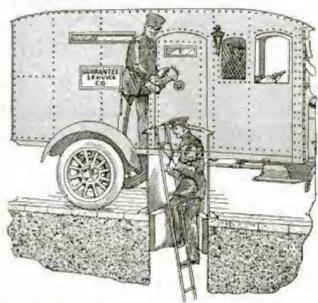
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Infra-red rays, the invisible light with which the camera peers into dense fog, have been used to bring to view tiny, living objects that the microscope has been unable to disclose. Use of the rays in medical photography was described before the International Physiological congress. Infra-red is a longer wavelength than red, and an intervening step between light and heat. Because of the extra length/of these rays, they are enabled to penetrate into and reveal some of the outer portions of living cells when all visible Jight is excluded from the photographic plate. The rays in a kidney study showed organisms entirely missing in the microscopic examinations.

MONEY LIFTED THROUGH HOLE UNDERNEATH TRUCK

To reduce the expense for guards necessary to watch money transported through the streets from one bank to another, a banker has suggested that a bullet-proof truck be equipped with a steel cylinder to be lowered through the floor of the truck directly into the receiving room of the bank. The cylinder would be bullet-proof and large enough for a man to go through, and banks or industrial concerns making use of the appliance would have turrets or receiving cylinders extending from the pavement into their vaults.



Taking Money from an Armored Truck down a Cylinder and Directly into a Bank Vault

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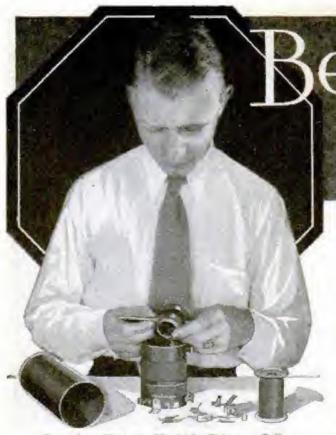
A Semaphore School Warning Which Is Placed in Position While Pupils Are Departing

SEMAPHORE "SCHOOL" WARNING PROTECTS CHILDREN

Semaphore school warnings for motorists are being installed along Oregon highways, instead of the usual stationary signs, after tests indicated automobile drivers paid more attention to the semaphore. When school is dismissed, the semaphore board with the sign "School" and the speed warning is swung into place, remaining in position until the children have departed.

AUTOMATIC MAIL BOX WEIGHS AND STAMPS LETTERS 3/

Unstamped letters or cards are handled automatically in a letter box made by a Cologne inventor. The mail is dropped through a slit and falls on a weighing apparatus, a device at the top of the box registering amount of postage required. The sender then places the proper coins in slots and these bring into action a paid-stamp mechanism which marks the missive and dumps it into a container below.



Inserting Shaft in Variable Primary Coil

A FEW years ago, when the beginner started out with a crystal receiver, tubes and parts were relatively expensive, and the novice was satisfied if he could hear a few strong locals. Tubes are now comparatively cheap and there is no reason why a good tube set for the beginner cannot be built at a cost but little more than that of the crystal receiver. The object of this article is to show the beginner how to build such a set in the simplest form. Next month, we will describe how to add one or two stages of audio amplification without the use of any additional batteries, for loud-speaker operation.

As a one-tube outfit this set has all the volume that can be received in comfort with a pair of headphones, and the range with the screen-grid tube is much greater than would be possible with any former type of tube. The method of using the screen-grid tube, while differing slightly from standard practice, is very simple, and necessitates the fewest possible parts.

The baseboard and instrument panel need not be changed to accommodate the audio stages that are to be added later. The only instrument to be added on the front panel will be a rheostat and there is ample room on the baseboard at the left

of the variable condenser for two resistance-coupled audio stages, as will be noted in the lower photo on page 826. All A, B and C-batteries are placed at the rear on the baseboard as shown in the photo at the top on page 825, making the receiver a self-contained unit.

The front panel is %6 by 7 by 18 in., and the basehoard ¾ by 10 by 17 in. The template for drilling the former is given on page 826. Drill the panel from front to back and enlarge the holes with a reamer to pass the shafts of the various instruments.

As there is no coil on the market suitable for this circuit it will be necessary for the builder to make his own or change a standard three-circuit tuning coil to conform to the specifications. The input from the antenna is through the rotary coil; this, the primary coil, may be the rotor of a three-circuit tuner, the secondary being tuned with a variable condenser in the usual manner. The plate coil, however, must have more turns on it than would be necessary in a standard coil of For this plate coil, remove this type. the small primary winding on the standard three-circuit tuner and substitute a 30-turn winding as shown in the diagram. If the tube is not long enough for the 30 turns, wind the coil in a double layer.

The simplest and least expensive method is to wind your own tuning coil exactly like the one used in the model and shown in the diagrams. All that is necessary is two short sections of mailing tube of the diameter and length shown, a piece of brass rod, 5½ in. long, a few Fahnestock clips, a small spool of No. 24 d.s.c. magnet wire and a short length of round busbar wire.

The mailing tubes should be thoroughly dry, and it is a good idea to place them in



Completed Receiver Showing Compact Arrangement of Batteries on Baseboard

a slow oven for a short time before winding the coils. Also drill holes in the tubing to just pass the shaft, and punch small holes at the points indicated for the start and finish of each winding. This, too, should be done before windinside of both tubes so that the terminals will be inside the tubing. Be sure to leave a sufficient length of wire to reach the terminals, and in the case of the rotating primary coil, the leads

should be long enough to allow the coil to be turned freely on the shaft. Insert the wire in and out of the starting and finishing holes so as to hold it tightly in position, to prevent the coils from loosening on the form. Note that all windings

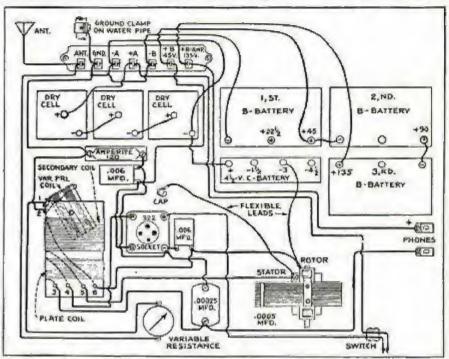
are in the same direction.

When the coils are completed, insert

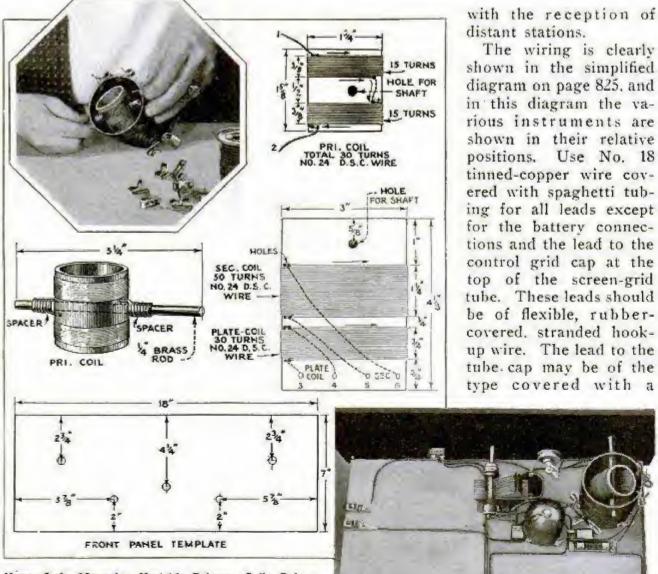
the shaft in the small primary coil as shown in the photo on page 824. Short pieces of round busbar wire are then coiled around the shaft at front and rear, as shown on page 826, to act as spacers holding the rotor coil in the center of the large tube. The sketch clearly illustrates the idea, and it will be noted that the ends of the spacers pressing against the tube are pushed through the tubing at front and rear above and below the rod. As the coiled wire and tube fit tightly on the shaft, the primary coil

will turn with the latter. The Fahnestock clips are now mounted on the large tube by means of short 6-32 machine screws and hexagon nuts. This completes the tuning unit, which now may be mounted in the position indicated on the baseboard.

The variable condenser is mounted directly on the subpanel. The tube socket,



Simplified Wiring Diagram, Showing the Various Instruments in Their Relative Positions



Upper Left, Mounting Variable Primary Coil; Below, Coil-Construction Details and Front-Panel Template; Right, Rear View of Completed Receiver with Batteries Removed

which is a spring-suspended variety, and the automatic filament-control unit for the tube are next mounted in the position shown. The terminal strip at the rear is a complete unit with the various clips mounted on a bakelite strip, although the Fahnestock clips may be mounted directly on the baseboard by means of short wood screws, if desired.

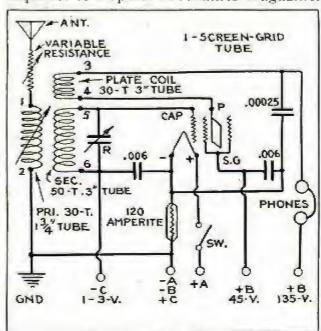
The controls on the front panel consist of a small black knob for the shaft of the primary coil, a dial for the shaft of the variable condenser, a knob for the variable resistance for controlling volume, and the switch for the dry-cell A-battery. The variable resistance employed in series with the antenna for controlling volume is an easily obtained device called a volume-control clarostat. This will be found useful in reducing the volume of strong local stations, which would otherwise interfere

woven metal sheath if desired. If such a lead is used, the metal sheath should not touch the terminal connection at either end and it should be grounded to the negative A-battery terminal.

There are several types of tube shields that may be used, such as the one shown in the lower photo on this page, and, when so shielded, the efficiency of the tube is greatly increased. This tube shield should also be grounded to negative-A as in the case of the metal sheath on the controlgrid lead. A short piece of fine flexible wire, soldered to the shield and connected to the A-negative post, will answer in both The .006-mfd. fixed condenser is mounted as shown, directly in front of the The two Fahnestock clips tube socket. at the extreme left of the baseboard are for the phones.

Connect all batteries as shown, and the set is ready for test. Place the tube in the socket and connect the antenna and ground, turn on the filament switch and turn the volume-control knob to the left as far as it will go. Now slowly turn the tuning dial on the variable condenser until a station is heard in the phones. Turn the knob on the rotor-coil shaft until the signals come in at maximum volume and clarity, after which reduce the volume to the strength desired by turning the volume-control knob to the right. The average negative C-bias will be about 3 volts; this value may differ with certain tubes and the condition of the batteries, however, and may be best at 11/2 volts. With the correct C-bias, regeneration will be obtained, and on the amount of regeneration will depend the selectivity of the receiver.

If there are any points not clear to the reader, or if further information is desired, write to the Radio Department; there is no charge for this service. A large blueprint of the layout and wiring diagrams, together with detailed sketches that will aid the builder and a material list of the parts used in the model, may be obtained for 25 cents to cover cost and mailing. The material list will be sent free to those who do not wish the blueprint. Address your blueprint orders and inquiries to Popular Mechanics Magazine.

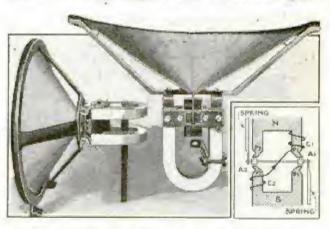


Schematic Circuit Diagram

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The New Inductor Dynamic Speaker

Loud speakers now in common use are either of the magnetic or dynamic type.



Left, Assembly Ready to Install in Cabinet or Baffle; Right, Cut-Away View Showing the Parts

The former, while inexpensive and simple to operate, is limited in volume and tone range, and the latter, while costly in comparison, has remarkable volume and tone. A new inductor dynamic speaker, so called because of its resemblance in principle to the conventional a.c. induction motor, is a compromise between the two types. The conventional diagram in the insert shows the armature riding freely between the pole pieces P₁ and P₂. The opposite forces on the two armature bars cause it to rest in a position which may be called a magnetic center. The flow of voice current in the coils causes this magnetic center to shift, moving the armature with The inductor dynamic speaker needs no separate field-exciting current as in the case of the standard dynamic speaker, although an output transformer or chokeand-condenser combination is required to keep the d.c. high-voltage current of the B-power supply out of the speaker windings. If the new speaker is to be used with a push-pull amplifier, a third lead may be taken from the windings at the point where the two coils are joined and used as the midpoint.

Marker for Normal Meter Reading

On any apparatus where there is a multiplicity of indicators it is a good idea to mark the normal reading of the most important ones with a small brush dipped in a quick-drying lacquer.—R. J. Plaisted, Cleveland, Ohio.



the rear of the metal cabinet, protected from dust and always ready for use. The screen-grid tube in the first stage provides good sensitivity and prevents radiation. The two audio units are placed in

Top. Simple Layout of Parts; Right, Cover Opened to Show the Socket Storage Arrangement for the Coils

New Kit Set Has Wide Tuning Range

The screen-grid short-wave tuner shown in the photos has been designed for the home builder in response to the demand for a short-wave set capable of receiving the full short-wave range from 15 to 175 meters, and which at the same time would give good loud-speaker operation on the broadcast band. Previous

difficulties in the satisfactory design of a set of this kind have been overcome by the use of a special two-section tuning condenser. At the touch of a switch, a large-capacity section for broadcast waves is thrown in or out. Six interchangeable coils are kept in special storage sockets in one case for compactness and greater simplicity of wiring. The entire set is easy to assemble, compact, light and has a low drain on batteries. The set requires the following tubes: one each CX-322, 300-A, 340 and 371-A. The cabinet is made of sheet metal.

Handy Clip for Screen-Grid Tube

A Fahnestock spring clip combined with a cap and soldering lug provides a handy

connection to the control-grid post at the top of a screen-grid tube, as shown in the illustration. This device provides for either soldering the wire to

the cap or using the quick method of fastening the wire in the spring clip. The top fits tightly over the post.

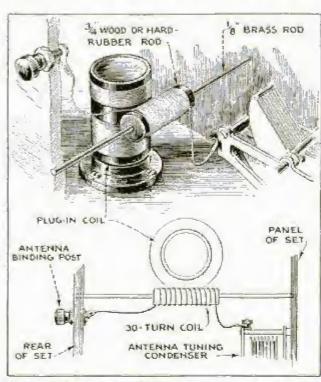
Discolored Tubes Should Be Discarded

If a tube becomes purplish or shows a blue haze while in operation, it is an indication that an excess of plate voltage is being applied to it. Defective tubes, not properly evacuated, will sometimes produce the same effect and should be discarded immediately.

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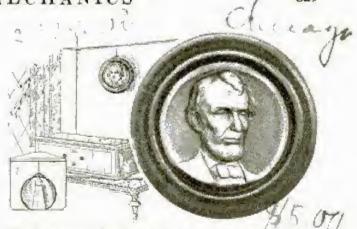
Increasing Volume in Short-Wave Sets

The idea illustrated herewith will increase the volume of the short-wave receiver and at the same time improve tuning qualities and aid in eliminating "dead spots" within the various bands. A hardrubber or wood rod, 3/4 in. in diameter and 2½ in, long, is used as the coil form. A hole slightly over 1/8 in. in diameter is drilled through it to pass a 1/8-in. brass rod, upon which the coil may be slid back and forth. Thirty turns of No. 25 s.c.c. wire is wound on the form and anchored at each end. Leads are then extended to reach the antenna-tuning condenser at front and the antenna post at the rear of the set. The brass rod is then inserted in the form and mounted as shown so that the coil will be very near the plug-in coil and at right angles to it. The brass rod can be held rigidly on brackets, or by force-fitting in holes drilled in the front panel and rear of the cabinet. The original lead from the antenna post to the antenna tuning condenser is removed and the coil inserted instead. It is not neces-



Detailed Sketch and Wiring Diagram for Variable
Antenna Inductance

sary to have the rod run through the front panel for external coil adjustments, as, when once set by hand for best results, it requires no further adjustment.—C. A. Reberger, Daytona Beach, Fla.



Right, Artistic Indoor Antenna; Left, Two Methods of Installation

Artistic Indoor Antenna

A Lincoln or Washington head, molded in bold relief in either copper or platinum effect and framed in period style, provides a container for an efficient indoor antenna. The winding is tapped for either short or long antenna effect, and is said to reduce static and local interference as well as improve the selectivity of the receiver. The device may either be hung on the wall, placed on the cabinet or on a table where it is supported by the easel shown in the rear-view sketch. The frame is finished in black and the unit is $10\frac{1}{2}$ in, in diameter.

FOR THE RADIO BUILDER

The blueprints below include the best of Popular Mechanics tested circuits. When ordering, simply quote numbers of blueprints desired and inclose proper amount addressed to Popular Mechanics Magazine, Radio Dept., 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago, Ill. Magazines containing full descriptions of the circuits can be obtained. Send 25 cents for each magazine desired, giving date of publication.

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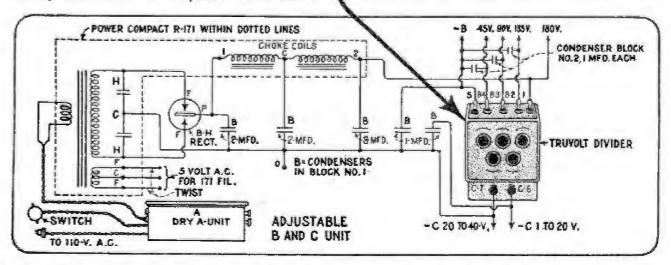


Voltage-Divider Unit Showing Control Knobs; Below, Wiring Diagram of Power Supply

INLIKE the usual B-eliminator, in that the output voltages are variable instead of fixed, this very simple and eificient B and C socket-power unit leaves little to be desired. When properly adjusted, it will supply ample B and C power for any receiver employing up to eight or nine tubes, including the usual power stage, which may be of either the 112-A or 171-A type. It may be used in connection with any of the standard A-battery eliminators for the complete socket-power operation of any d.c. set not employing power tubes larger than the 171-A type. It is also suitable for operating any of the a.c. receivers recently described in Popular Mechanics

it easy to use the unit with a large variety of receivers without making any changes in the unit itself. The compact nature of the various instruments employed greatly simplifies the wiring, and the entire output may be assembled in an hour or two. An eliminator of this type is ideal for the beginner as the manufacturers of the various parts have co-operated in designing the instruments, so that the terminals have been arranged to permit the shortest possible wiring.

The main parts have been combined into three major units; the first, shown at the left in the photo on page 832, is the power compact. This unit consists of the power transformer, choke coils and small buffer condensers between C and H as shown in the wiring diagram within the dotted lines. The second is the condenser block No. 1, the individual condensers of which are indicated in the diagram at B; the smaller block No. 2 contains three 1-mfd. condensers and is placed immediately in front of block No. The third major unit is the Truvolt voltage divider which is mounted at the front end of the baseboard by means of a small metal bracket that is supplied with it. This is a universal voltage separator, which greatly simplifies the construction of any B-eliminator.



Magazine, or any other a.c. set within the

The adjustable B and C-voltages make

maximum fixed voltage is 180 volts; the 135, 90 and 45-volt outputs are adjustable and, with the conventional reIS FULLY ADJUSTABLE

ceiver, may be varied at least 15 volts above and below the mean voltage. The two grid-bias taps are also variable; the intermediate grid tap will supply a grid bias from 1 to 20 volts negative, and the maximum bias tap will supply a bias volt-

age from 20 to 40 volts negative.

Connecting the voltage divider is quite simple as soldering lugs are provided on each tap, and the unit is shown in complete detail in the wiring diagram, instrument provides the front panel of the completed assembly with the control knobs and binding posts for the power unit, which has no other controls. The various parts are mounted on the baseboard with wood screws. The exact size of the baseboard is optional, but one 34 by 7 by 11 in. in dimensions was used in the model.

The rectifier tube employed is a Raytheon type B-H, and the socket for this tube is mounted directly back of the voltage divider in the center of the baseboard. This tube has long life and is designed so that the single tube utilizes both

halves of the alternating current for rectification.

The parts are screwed to the baseboard in the order shown in the lower photo on this page. Mount the power compact so that the terminals on the top are nearest the condenser block No. 1, The unit is now ready for wiring. Use nothing but heavy-duty rubbercovered wire for the various leads or, if this is not available, busbar wire covered with a good grade of spaghetti tubing. Use soldering lugs under all terminals



Soldering Leads from Power Compact to Condenser Block No. 1; Below, Units Screwed to Baseboard

and solder each connection carefully. When connecting the tube socket note that posts F, F, and P are used, and post C is left blank.

The 5-volt filament terminals, F and F, on the power compact for the power tubes, supply raw a.c. voltage; the center

> tap C is left open. This center tap is normally used in connection with a resistor and by-pass condenser to supply the necessary grid bias for the power tube. In this power unit the C-bias is already taken care of in the voltage divider, so this tap is not used. The filament leads, F and F, should be twisted together between the transformer and the power-tube socket terminals.

To put the power unit in operation, connect the various B and C leads to the set; if there is a positive-C post in the



Inserting the Rectifier Tube in the Socket

receiver, this post is left open as the C-positive is already wired into the power-unit circuit. Place the rectifier tube in the socket and turn the filament switch on the panel of the receiver to the "on" position before plugging in the B-power supply. This is important, and the B-supply should also be turned off before the set switch is turned off. Now, with the set in operation, measure the output voltages at the voltage divider with a B-eliminator voltmeter and adjust the knobs for the necessary voltages to operate the set at maximum efficiency.

The switching operation may be simplified by the use of a standard power-control relay, which may be connected in series with either the positive or negative A-battery lead to the receiver. In case the power unit is used with an a.c. set, this relay switch will of course not be necessary.

This compact power unit takes up little space and will fit into any modern console, but do not attempt to inclose it in a metal container as plenty of air circulation is necessary. When installed in a console cabinet, holes should be bored

in the rear of the cabinet to permit ventilation.

Blueprint No. 146, describing in greater detail the construction of this power unit, may be obtained for 25 cents together with a complete list of the parts used. The list of parts will be mailed free to readers who do not desire the blueprint.

25 Combination Lamp, Antenna and World Clock

A decorative minature lamp is combined with an efficient light-socket antenna and, for the benefit of the short-wave fans, a well designed world-time clock to top off the device. A wire is connected to the antenna post on the set and to a post mounted on the base of the unit. The light-socket plug is then inserted in the house-lighting supply. The clock gives the exact time in one-half the world, from Berlin in the east to the Hawaiian islands in the west. A calibrated dial, which moves with the hour hand, indicates the corresponding time in the various parts of the world.



Plugging Combination Lamp, Antenna and World Clock into House-Lighting Circuit

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MAST

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2" FURRING

Collapsible Radio Mast

The radio antenna must be fastened to a firm support at its outer end. This dis-

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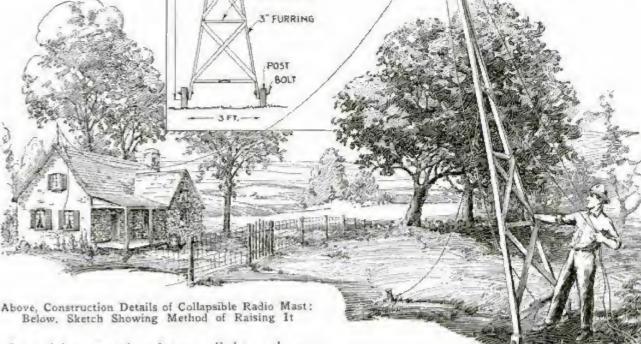
counts the use of trees, and neighboring houses are not always available. Some sort of mast is therefore often necessary, and to construct one is a problem for many. The mast shown here is sim-

diagonal braces up half its length and with two or three crossbraces above. Set two posts in the ground, slightly farther apart than the width of the foot of the

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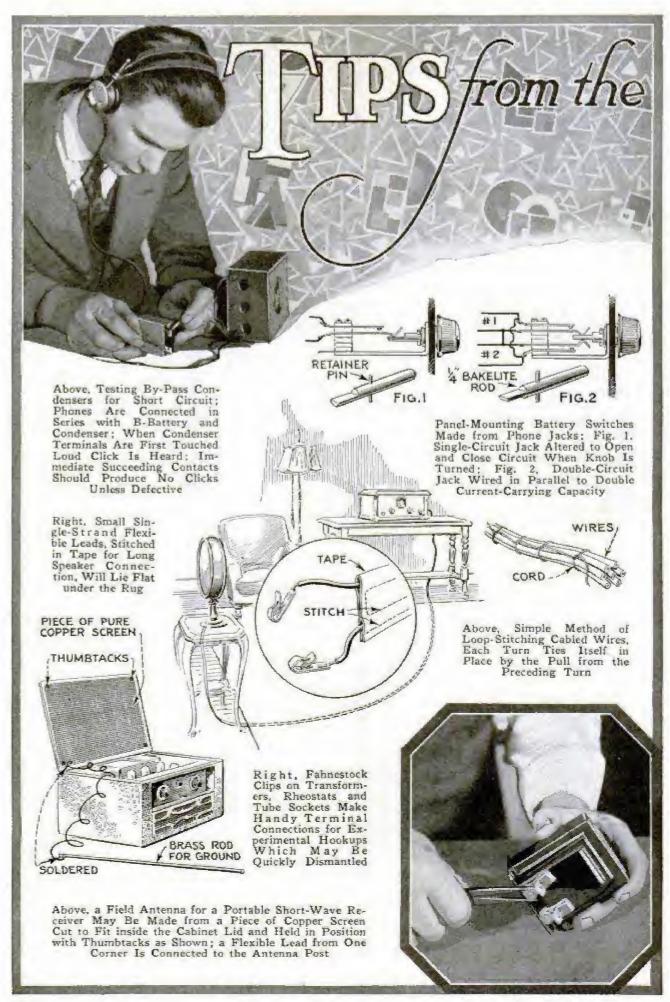
mast, bolt the latter inside the posts with loose-fitting bolts, so the mast will pivot on them. Fasten the back stays to the tip and center of the mast, and a front stay to the middle. Attach a

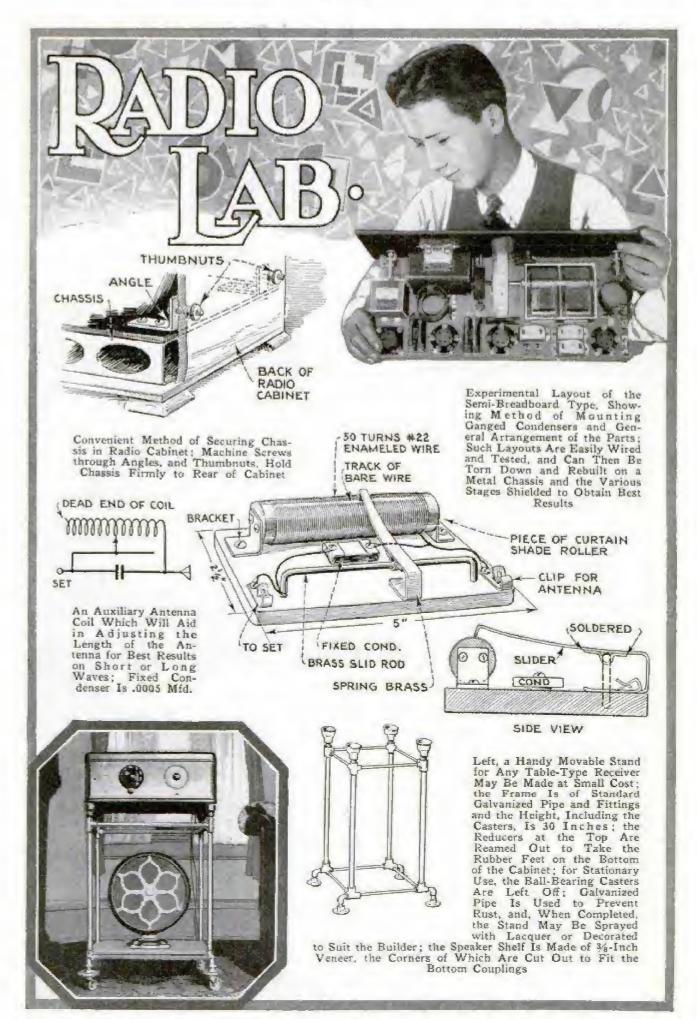


ple and inexpensive, is very light and can be lowered to the ground when antenna adjustments are to be made. The two uprights are 20-ft. lengths of 3-in. furring, that can be bought at any lumber yard. Select straight-grained material, as free from knots as possible. Lay them together and bore three holes through one end about 1 ft. apart, starting the uppermost hole only a few inches from the top. Have a collar made at the blacksmith shop or garage, of heavy sheet iron, with an eye in one of the narow faces. A hole should be drilled also through each of the wide faces. The collar is rectangular, measuring about 3 by 11/2 in. Drive it over the tip of the mast and bolt through the upper hole. Then draw the uprights together with two bolts below. Spread the uprights 3 ft, apart at the bottom and reinforce the structure with cross and

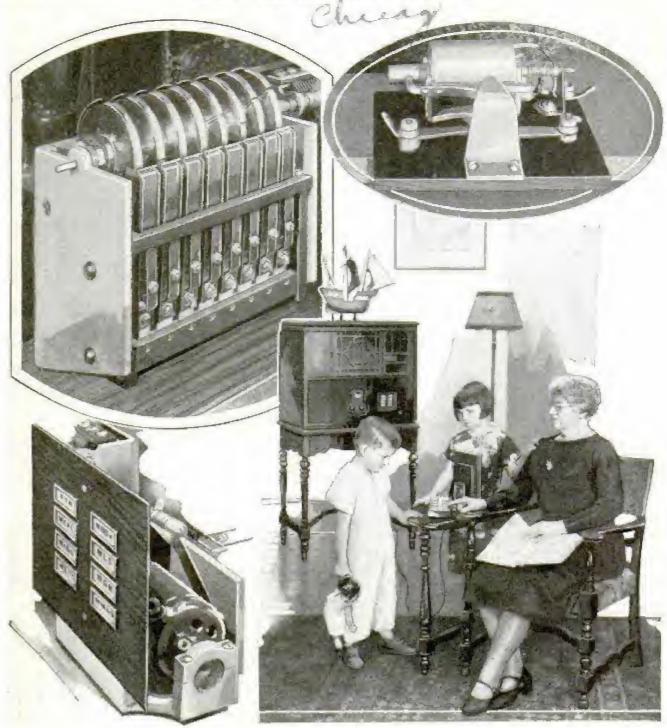
pulley to the eye in the collar and reeve the antenna halyard through it. The latter is fastened to a cleat on the bottom spreader.

When the mast has been raised, fasten the stays to posts in the ground so it will incline slightly back from the vertical. The antenna pull will keep it taut against the back stays. To lower it, simply release the halyard and unfasten the front stay, and the mast can be quickly dropped flat on the ground. It will be found to be practically free from side sway, and the stays keep it perfectly rigid fore and aft. A couple of coats of white paint will give it a nice appearance and also prevent it from weathering, so that it will last longer.—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Conn.





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New Tuning System Has Remote Control

Push a button, snap!—there's your favorite station, and you need not leave your chair to do it. In fact, you may be almost anywhere in the house if you are equipped with a new remote control. The station selector, shown at the lower left and again shown fitted in the front panel of the complete receiver, is made up of a number of little tabs which are also push buttons. The station-call letters are inscribed on these transparent celluloid tabs, which fit into metal frames and are illuminated from the rear. A slight pres-

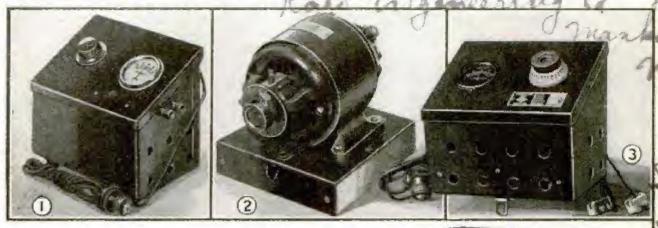
sure on the tabs sets the automatic tuner, shown at the upper left, into operation, tuning the set to the desired station. Any number of tabs may be employed, limited only by the space available. The same selector unit appears in the remote control operated by the lady seated in the chair. The automatic tuner consists of a number of slotted drums with a like number of contact segments or "fingers." This assembly is fastened to one side of the condenser gang of the receiver. It "finds" your station for you, after you have made the selection by pressing the button on the selector. The power for the auto-

matic electric tuner is supplied by a tiny motor which takes its current from the receiver supply and does not interfere in any way with the efficient operation of the receiver. The last unit of the automatic tuner is the relay switch, shown in the upper right-hand photo. This unit is required only when one or more remote controls are installed. Any number of control boxes may be used. They may be semi-portable with exposed cables running to the set, or permanently installed with concealed wiring. The remote control consists of a complete selector unit mounted in a metal box, on which is located a combination on-and-off switch and volume control. Any number of the remote-control units may be connected in parallel with that unit which is built into the receiver.

Standard Receivers Operated from 32-Volt Supply ? 3554

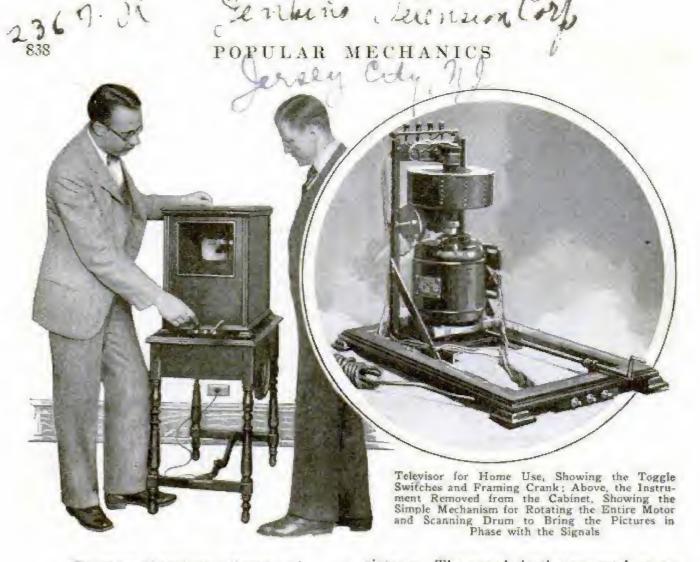
The owner of a 32-volt farm-lighting plant is no longer limited as to the type of radio receiver he must use. A group of power units specially designed for use

type of the receiver. The instrument shown in photo No. 3 is a specially designed charger for storage batteries, suitable for either radio or auto batteries, and the third unit for d.c.-set operation is the power unit shown in photo No. 4, which replaces the usual dry B-batteries. This unit provides a constant flow of high-voltage current from the low-voltage source. It is composed of a group of cells of the Edison type, and the cost of operation is said not to exceed five cents a month, even with a large radio receiver. For the operation of any standard a.c. receiver of the self-contained type, where all power is derived from the 110-volt 60-cycle a.c. line, only one of the above instruments is necessary, namely the unit shown in photo No. 2. This is perhaps the most interesting unit in the group as it converts the 32-volt d.c. farm lighting supply to the necessary 110-volt a.c. at low current consumption. The output is carefully filtered and as far as the operation of a.c. receivers is concerned it is a practical proposition. The converter is compact and sturdily built; it may be installed in a near-by closet or an adjoining room.



with this supply makes possible the operation of any standard a.c. or d.c. receiver on the farm, with the same efficiency as with a 60-cycle 110-volt a.c. current. For the standard battery-operated sets, the instrument shown in photo No. I is an A-battery eliminator which reduces the 32-volt current to the desired voltage for the tubes, regardless of the size or

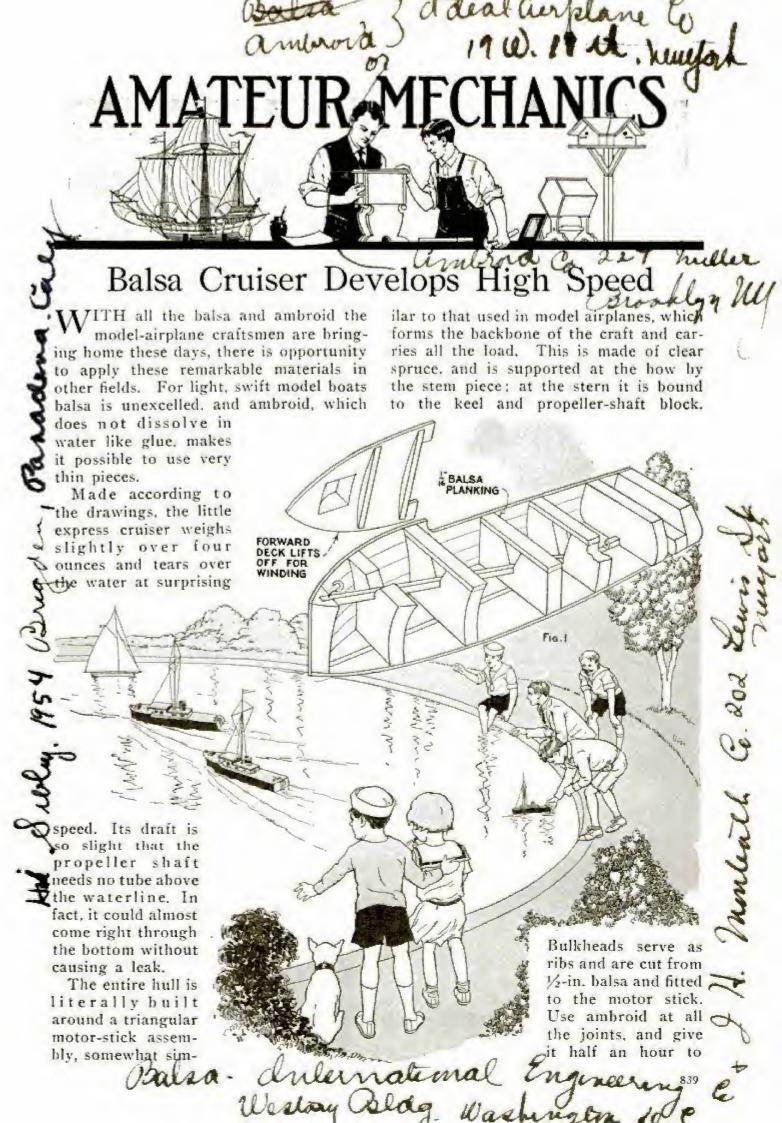




Compact Television Receiver for the Home

What is generally regarded as the simplest and most practical television receiver yet proposed for home use, has recently been demonstrated by the Jenkins Television corporation. This simplified and compact instrument, shown in the photos, is housed in a neat walnut cabinet, 18 by 18 by 24 in, in size. The front of the cabinet contains a recessed opening or "shadow box," leading to a large and powerful magnifying lens through which the radio movies are viewed, together with three toggle switches and a framing rank. The operation of the new televisor is simplicity itself. The first toggle switch turns on the neon glow lamp; a standard short-wave radio receiver, employed in conjunction with the televisor, is then tuned in the usual manner, until the characteristic buzz-saw note of the television signal is at maximum in the loud speaker. The second switch cuts off the loud speaker and switches the set output to the neon lamp. The third switch turns on the motor and also serves to bring the scanning drum in step with the

picture. The crank is then turned so as to frame the picture from left to right. The synchronous motor and scanning drum are mounted vertically and supported by an angle-iron frame. A special form of distributor serves to flash the four neon-lamp plates in succession, illuminating the four quarters of the scanning drum in four successive revolutions. The scanning-drum holes are viewed through the magnifying lens, giving an apparent screen size of 6 in. square, or sufficient for the simultaneous entertainment of six to eight persons. As for the nature of the entertainment, only the simplest subjects are being broadcast at this time. Instead of attempting very crude halftone pictures, the Jenkins engineers are endeavoring to transmit and receive silhouette or black-and-white movies with a fair degree of accuracy. The demonstration of a thrilling boxing contest in silhouette form can be readily followed on the televisor screen. Complete silhouette pictures and animated cartoons are to be transmitted on a regular schedule by the Jenkins television stations in Jersey City and in Montgomery county, Maryland, near Washington, D. C., shortly.

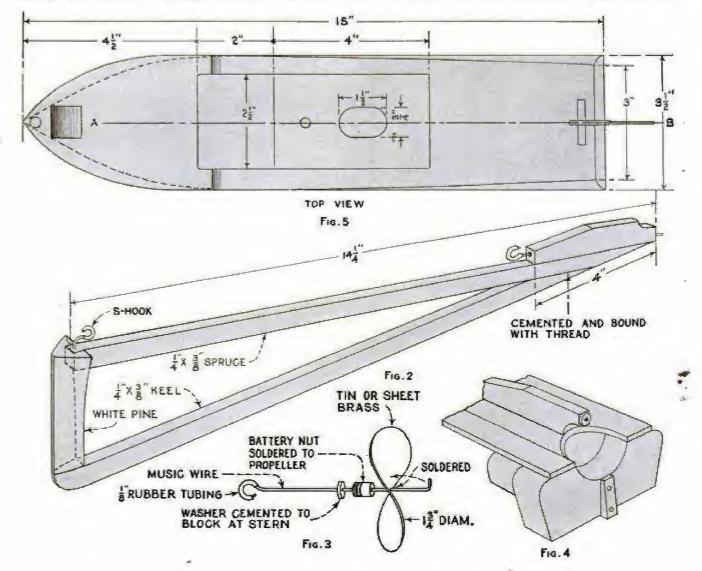


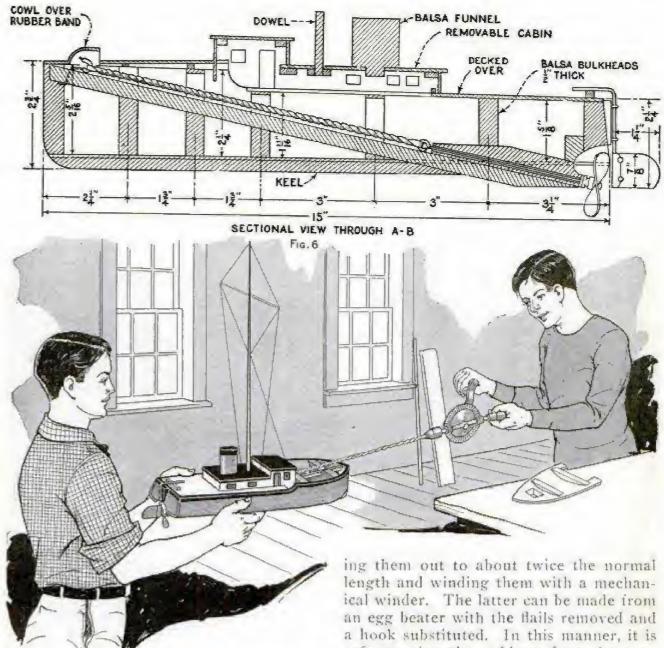
harden before applying other parts. See Fig. 1 for details of ribs, and Fig. 2 for motor-stick, keel and stem assembly.

Fit the bottom planks of 1/16-in. balsa first and work toward the top. As each plank is fitted, ambroid it to the stern block and central bulkheads first, and let the ambroid harden before bending around the curve of the bow. By sandpapering the bow end of the planks, they will bend more readily. Or you can steam them over a teakettle and bend over a form. But they should be thoroughly dry when installed on the hull frame. Fitting the bow portion will require skill and patience because of the flare or inward curve of the ribs.

The propeller is very easily made from a piece of tin, galvanized sheet or brass. Make the two blades as generous as possible with a 1¾-in. diameter, and give them considerable pitch. Your rubber motor will then unwind more slowly and keep the craft running longer. Before

bending the blades, however, solder the propeller to a short hub, such as the battery nut shown in Fig. 3, and to the wire propeller shaft. Stiff music wire or Bessemer steel rod is good for this purpose, but should be made as straight as possi-Ambroid a washer to the rear end of the propeller-shaft block to take the thrust. The hook for rubber bands must be bent after the shaft is inserted in the block. In case you wish your craft to carry a load or ballast that brings it well. down in the water, stuff a quantity of oilsoaked cotton in the hole around the Fig. 4 shows how the propeller & shaft is brought through the stern. It will be noted that two balsa blocks are ambroided together to form the stern block or transom, and that this permits a semicircular cut-out to be made to clear the propeller. This figure also shows the "shaft log," as the part carrying the propeller shaft is called, projecting through the bottom of the craft, as well as the





little wedge-shaped piece of balsa that is pinned and cemented to the transom to make the rudder stand vertical.

Make the rudder of tin, soldered to a length of brass wire and secured to the stern by means of small wire eyes. A balsa strip on the after deck holds the tiller in position.

Give the cruiser a trial run before putting on the afterdeck and cabin, and be sure to sandpaper it smoothly and give it two or three coats of paint and one of spar varnish before setting it in the water,

Use four strands of ½-in, model airplane rubber adjusted so that it is neither loose nor stretched. Best results will be achieved by detaching the S-hook carrying the forward end of the rubbers, pulling them out to about twice the normal length and winding them with a mechanical winder. The latter can be made from an egg beater with the flails removed and a hook substituted. In this manner, it is safe to give the rubbers four times as many twists as by simply turning the propeller. Bear in mind, however, that the average egg beater is geared up to 4 to 1, so that in turning the crank 100 times you have twisted the rubbers 400 times. At first, do not attempt more than 75 turns at the most, either by winder or directly on the propeller.

Now make the forward deck and cabin. The former is crowned, a result achieved by supporting it on curved battens. This forward deck is so mounted that it can be lifted off for winding. The cowl over the opening for the hook is optional.

The first model we made like the diagrams fairly jumped out of our hand when released in a pool, and you can feel safe in entering your swift craft in any speed contest for this class,



Overhead Radiator Valves Are Easily Opened and Closed with This Extension Grip

Convenient Device for Operating Valves on Overhead Radiators

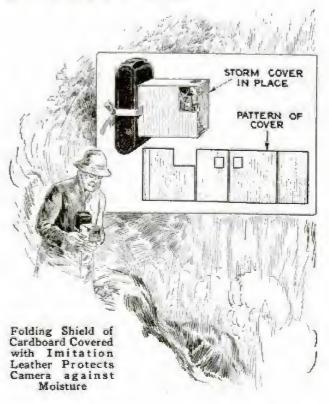
Overhead radiators in shops and basements are ordinarily rather difficult to get at, but if they have round wooden valve handles it is an easy matter to open and close them by means of the device shown in the drawing. It consists of a 12 or 18-in, length of rubber garden hose, cut in half as indicated and tacked to the ends of two wooden handles. In use, the section of hose is slipped over the edge of the radiator-valve handle, and it is then an easy matter to turn the valve either way.—Carl G. Langland. Minneapolis. Minnesota.

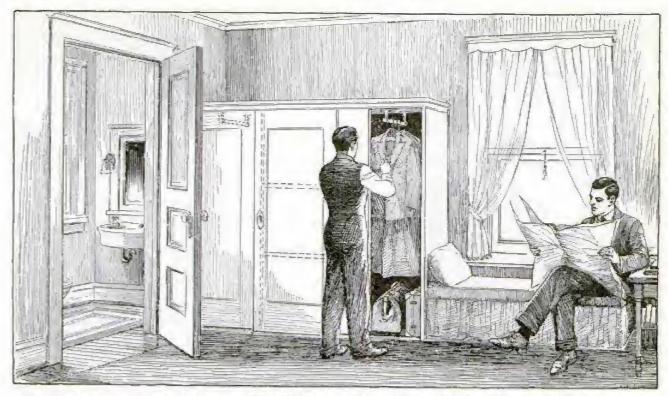
How to Clean the Works of a Clock

To clean the works of a cheap clock, saturate a cloth or pad of cotton with kerosene and lay it inside of the case on a small disk to prevent the wood from absorbing the oil. The fumes caused by the evaporation of the oil will loosen dust and dirt in the works and cause it to drop. Lubrication is also accomplished to some extent in this way.

Storm Cover for a Hand Camera

When using an unprotected hand camera during stormy weather, rain and snow will soon dampen the bellows and lens front, covering the lens with a film of moisture which spoils the definition of the image. The storm cover shown in the drawing has been found an effective remedy for these troubles. It was made for a particular type of camera, but with a few minor changes, such a cover can be used on any similar type. The material is a cardboard box, cut as indicated and covered with oilcloth, imitation leather or other kind of waterproof fabric. Some linen or cotton tape, about 1/2 in. wide, is used for "ties." After the individual pieces have been cut out, they are laid next to each other, with 1/16-in. space between them to facilitate folding. with glue and press the fabric covering on firmly. Where the fabric covers the holes cut in the cardboard, it is carefully removed with a sharp razor blade. The cover can be folded when not in use and kept in the camera case. A 1/2-in. slot, about 1/2 in. from the end, is cut in the two pieces forming the sides of the cover to receive two 12-in, lengths of tape, the ends of which are glued to the inside of the box. These lengths of tape are tied around the body of the camera to hold the cover in place securely.





By Substituting a Wardrobe for the Clothes Closet, and Remodeling the Latter into a Small Bathroom, a Large Room Was Changed to a Small Apartment

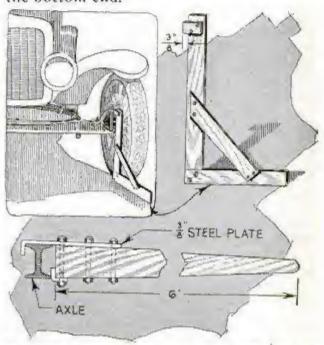
Changing a Large Room to a Small Apartment

One home owner who rented out some rooms changed one of the large rooms to a small apartment with very little trouble and expense. The room had an extralarge closet which was remodeled into a bathroom. As a substitute for the closet, a wardrobe, provided with sliding doors, was built in one corner as shown. Thus, at the comparatively low cost of the plumbing, electric wiring and wood for the wardrobe, the income from the room was increased considerably.—Lester G. Herbert, Auburn, N. Y.

Correcting Front-Wheel Wabble on Ford Cars

Wabbling front wheels is a recurring fault in Ford model-T cars and involves a certain amount of danger. Tightening the bolts and spring perches or renewing bushings will not remedy the trouble if the front axle is incorrectly tilted. On the other hand, if the axle is correctly tilted, lost motion or looseness in the parts will not cause a wabble unless the lost motion is excessive. The drawing shows a method of correcting the axle tilt. A wooden square is made, slightly

longer than the axle is high. On the upper end of the square a block is added to serve as a gauge, projecting ¾ in. This gauge is used at the forked end where the wheel spindle is placed. By means of a long lever, shown in the lower detail, or a heavy wrench fitted with a pipe extension, the front axle is forced either upward or backward, until the gauge shows the upper end of the fork to be just ¾ in. behind the bottom end.



Wooden Square Used as Gauge to Correct Wrong Axle Tilt Which Causes Wabbling

A Few Camp-Cooking Kinks



Tightly Sealed Lid on Cooking Vessel Hastens Boiling in High Altitudes

A compact "nesting" set of cooking utensils is always part of the experienced camper's equipment. The large frying pan of such a set usually fits over the largest pot when the set is packed. Smaller pots, a small frying pan and a coffeepot fit within the large pot. The purchase of a second large frying pan will add greatly to the utility of the set. This pan will fit over the bottom of the set when packed, without adding much to the bulk. The two frying pans can then be placed together on the stove, as shown at the left. to make a good Dutch oven. The upper pan is preheated over the burner of the stove before it is placed in position. At high altitudes, as in most of our western national parks, potatoes and other vegetables take a much longer time to boil, owing to the lessened atmospheric pres-

sure. A remedy for this condition is to place a rubber disk, cut from an old inner tube, between the lid and the pot. A number of spring clothespins are then used to clamp the lid firmly on the pot. This sealing will slightly increase

the pressure within the pot and raise the boiling point of the water, so that potatoes can be boiled 10 to 15 minutes quicker than otherwise.—Retta Conley, Los Angeles, Calif.

Coin Aids in Winding Alarm Clock

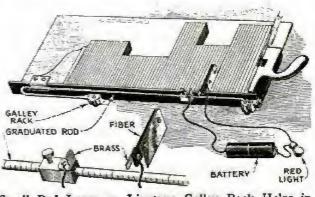
The small size alarm clock is rather difficult to wind owing to the short and small winding keys, and one is likely to pinch a finger between the keys and the hand-setting stem. The doubled fingerholds of the winding keys were pried apart just enough to allow the insertion of a small coin, and it was found that, with this extension, the trouble was entirely eliminated.—John B. Ingram, Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Linotype Signal Light Aids Operator

When a linotype operator has considerable type to set and arrange around cuts and panels, the simple signal device shown in the drawing can be used to tell him when the necessary depth in picas of each measure has been set. A 1/4-in, rod is bent, one end to fit on the front galleyrack bracket, and the other end flattened and attached to the other support. The rod is graduated in picas so that a stop, drilled to fit the rod, can be set at any point. A small clamp, consisting of fiber and brass, is clamped on the first linotype slug, or held between the first two slugs, the brass strip at the top being insulated from them. As the slugs travel along toward the stop on the rod, the brass clamp is carried with them. Electrical connections are made as indicated, two small flashlight cells and a red lamp being used in the circuit. As soon as the clamp

touches the stop, the lamp lights, indicating that the desired depth has been reached.

■If a rock is too large to handle, put a couple of sticks of dynamite on top of it, seal with wet clay, and detonate; the rock will break.



Small Red Lamp on Linotype Galley Rack Helps in Arranging Type around Cuts

Electric Hotbed Easy to Make

By M. E. BRIDSTON

THE GARDENER or nurseryman who has electricity available would do well to consider the use of electric current in furnishing bottom heat in the hotbed. This has many advantages over the use of manure and is entirely practical, as has been demonstrated by Glen Cushing of Puyallup, Wash. Nurserymen have found it especially valuable, for with the electric hothed it is possible to start and root plants in three months that took two years by the old method. All manner of plants are being rooted with electric heat, soft rosewood cuttings being ready in three weeks.

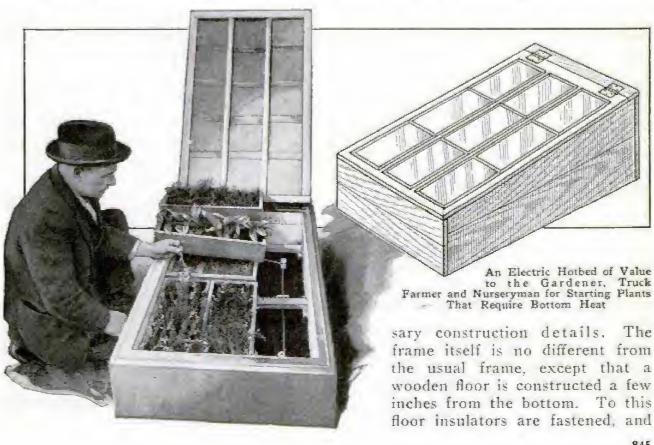
The hotbed is so simple that anyone can make it, the only equipment necessary being electric coils to furnish bottom heat instead of manure. The propagator, having absolute control over the heat, is enabled to force the root growth just when the cuttings require warmth, and this puts within the reach of the small nurseryman the opportunity of rooting those cuttings which are difficult to secure on the mar-Every season sees a shortage of lining out plants in certain varieties after

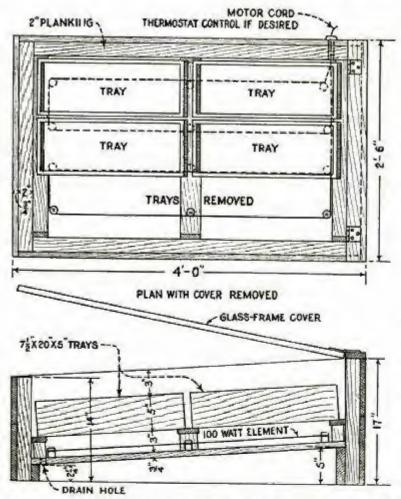
the lists are out. The man with the heat box, however, scans the lists for his needs and proceeds to root those not otherwise obtainable.

This electric frame is also of great value to the farmer and gardener in starting all kinds of garden plants where bottom heat is necessary. The heat can be controlled to any degree desired, which is very difficult when horse manure supplies the heat.

The electrically heated frames may be constructed in any size, from the window box, 8 by 18 in., to boxes many feet in dimensions. The housewife wishing to root her geraniums, or the plant lover desiring to obtain rare specimens, can also do so more easily with the electric frame. A small box, heated from the electric-light outlet, may be run at a cost of a few cents per month, and even the cost of the larger boxes is relatively low.

The first experimental frame constructed by Mr. Cushing was 2½ by 4 ft., and the heat supplied from an outlet on an electric range. The cost of heating this frame is about \$1 per month. The accompanying sketches give all the neces-





to these are attached the 100-watt heating elements. The floor should be sloping to provide drainage, with drainage holes at the lower end, or a metal plate may be placed between the seed trays and the heating elements to catch the drippings incidental to watering the plants. However, this precaution is not essential, for the coils are never hot enough to be damaged by the dripping water. The heating elements may be obtained through the local electrician. The seed boxes or trays rest on a frame rack and are removable.

At times there may be a slight advantage in having thermostatic control of the heat, although this is not essential. However, any cheap thermostat will serve the purpose, and thus the propagator will be assured of an even temperature that need not vary over a few degrees.

Repairing Aluminum Ware

To mend a hole in an aluminum vessel, get some solid wire rosin (not the kind having a rosin core) and cut off a piece about 1/8 in, long. Ream out the hole in

the vessel to the exact diameter of the solder, which is then inserted in the hole and the projecting ends peined down with a hammer. The result will be a water-tight job and one that will last. If the hole is so large that a single rivet is found insufficient to close it, use two next to each other and run them together with a hot soldering bit.—F. A. Wilhelm, Mullica Hill, N. J.

Vacuum Cleaner Forces Draft for Stump Burning

Successful use has been made of an ordinary vacuum cleaner for stump burning by R. N. Miller, of the Washington state college extension department. A number of lengths of hose are attached to a fitting connected to the blower opening of the cleaner, and short pieces of iron pipe, serving as nozzles, are slipped into the ends of the hose. Several holes, about 4 in. deep. are

bored in the roots of the stump, near the ground, and fires are started in the openings. The nozzles are then inserted in the holes and the vacuum cleaner is started to provide draft. After the blaze is well started, the nozzles may be removed.



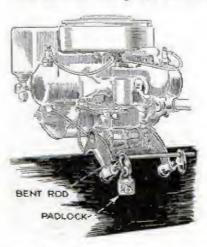
Stump Burning Made Easier by Draft Supplied by Vacuum Cleaner

Removing Old Cold Patches from Auto Inner Tubes

In the repair of auto inner tubes, there is usually some difficulty encountered in removing an old cold patch that leaks or is close to a hole. It can be removed very easily, however, by application of heat. Light a match and hold the flame to the old patch until it gets hot all over. It will then come off easily without tearing the tube.—Wilton Elwick, Collinsville, Ill.

Lock for the Outboard Motor

Because of its market value and ready portability, an outboard motor is tempting loot for the sneak thief. A simple and effective locking device to foil him can be made as shown in the drawing. The clamping wingnuts on most motors have holes drilled in them. Get a steel rod of such diameter that it can just be slipped through the holes, and about 4 or 5 in. longer than the distance from the center of one wingnut to the other. The rod is bent over at right angles near one end and an eye formed, of about the same size as the wingnut hole and alining with



one wingnut hole, so that a padlock can be inserted through both. Besides making it nearly impossible to remove the motor from the boat, if the clamps are securely tightened, the

rod will prevent the clamps from loosening by the vibration of the motor.

Use of Proper Sand in Mortar

In brickwork, the thickness of the layer of mortar determines to a great extent the size of sand to be used. Customarily the thickness of mortar between bricks in standard bricklaying practice is from 1/4 to 3/8 in., and the sand used should pass through a No. 12 sieve. Finer or coarser sand is used for thinner and thicker joints.

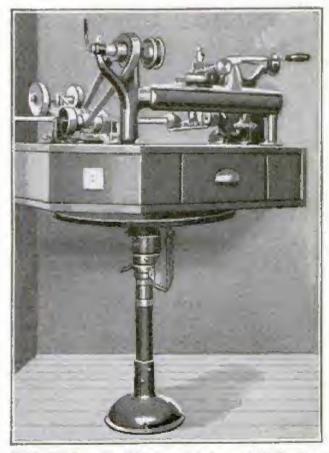


Table Holding Small Lathe, Grinder and Buffer Can Be Rotated to Obtain Good Light

Revolving Table for Small Lathe

My small lathe, grinder and buffer are mounted on a revolving table, permitting the tools to be turned around in any position in order to get the best light possible when working with them. The table top on which the tools are conveniently mounted is about 6 in, high and is fitted with several drawers. The revolving base on which the table is set consists of a rear-axle housing of an auto securely bolted to the floor, and a 24-in, wooden disk arranged to revolve on the top but fastened so that it will sustain considerable weight. The table holding the tools is then set on the disk and balanced, after which it is bolted down. Very little effort is necessary to turn the table in any desired position. In this particular instance no separate cord was run to the motor on the table, but a commutator arrangement was used to make constant contact while the table is being turned.—Richard Ton. Inglewood, Calif.

When cutting threads on wrought iron or steel, either in the lathe or with a die, use plenty of lard oil as a lubricant.



Old Pieces of Furniture Can Be Made Like New with Sandpaper Overlays

Sandpaper Overlays for Ornamenting Novelty Furniture

There are various objects of novelty furniture and cabinetwork whose appearance can be greatly improved by sandpaper overlays applied to the surface. A sample of such work is shown in the photo. Coarse sandpaper is used and designs are cut out to make the paper resemble a stencil. The surface of the wood under the cut-out sections is first painted or lacquered in suitable colors, which can be made highly glossy for contrast, and the sandpaper is then glued on with the rough side exposed. Molding, which can be obtained in all kinds of shapes and sizes, is used to cover the edges of the paper. This method of ornament is especially useful on furniture made of cheap wood, or old pieces of which the surface is marred beyond refinishing. The sandpaper itself can be painted or lacquered also. -Claude West, Chicago.

Kink for the Trout Fisherman

The trout fisherman will save himself many a ducking and an occasional bruise by wrapping a length of chain, having small pressed links, around the feet of his fishing boots. The chain will prevent slipping on wet, moss-covered rocks,

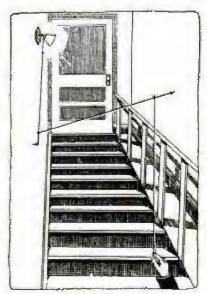
Cleaning Photographer's Flash Lamp

A photographic flash lamp will function properly only when it is kept clean and free from burned-powder residue. The cleaning is usually rather difficult because the powder clings like paint. An easy method of doing it is to submerge the lamp in boiling water, remove it while still hot and immediately sink it in cold water. The sudden expansion and contraction of the metal will instantly loosen the burned powder. This method is quite effective and will not injure the lamp.

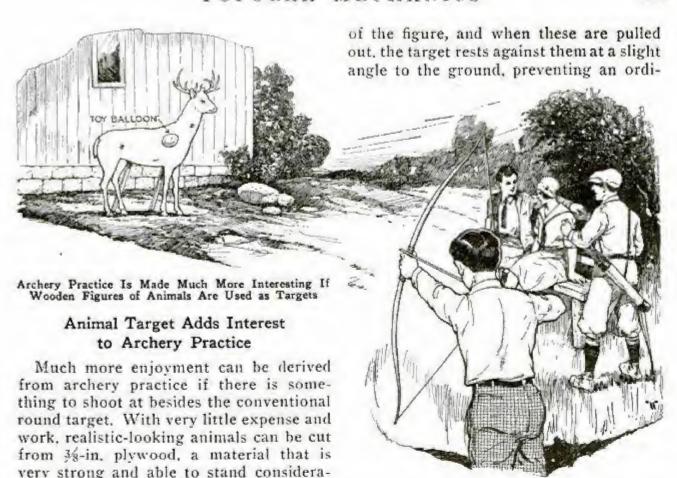
Remote Control for Light Socket

When a long cord is used as a remote control on a chain-pull socket, an installation often found in hallways and stairways, the cord is usually passed through one or more screweyes to a convenient location. The objection to the usual installation, where the cord must make right-angle turns, is that there is quite a bit of friction between the cord and the screweyes, which wears out the cord quickly and also makes it rather difficult to turn on the light. A better installation is shown in the drawing. In this case it was necessary to make two rightangle turns with the cord. Three separate lengths of cord are used. One length is tied to the socket chain and to a screweye, where the first turn must be made;

the second length is tied to the first cord and second screweve. while the third length is tied to the second near the second screweye, as indicated in the drawing. In this way a side pull is exerted on each cord. this having



the same effect as an end pull without the objectionable feature. The drawing, of course, is merely illustrative.—Carl G. Langland, Minneapolis, Minn.



nary breeze from blowing it over. The vital spots of the animal may be marked in order to add extra zest to the game. In one case, a toy balloon was blown up and pushed into a hole cut in the figure to represent the heart. Upon being struck with an arrow, the balloon burst with a bang.—C. Homewood, Hollywood, Calif.

Emergency Wood Grate for the Furnace

ble abuse from the arrows. After being cut, the figures are painted in natural

colors both for the sake of appearance

and for protection against moisture, which

otherwise would loosen and warp the ply-

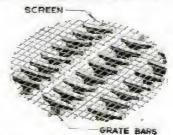
wood in a short time. Narrow parts, such as the neck and legs, should be reinforced

with 1-in. strips on the back. Braces,

made of 1-in, stock, are hinged to the top

When coal cannot be obtained, or it is desired to burn wood for any other reason, the grate bars of the furnace must be sufficiently close together to prevent the burning embers from falling through into

the ashbox. In my coal-burning furnace, the grate bars were too far apart, and, to remedy this condition. I cut a circular piece of heavy



galvanized screen, the kind used for ash sifters, making it slightly smaller in diameter than the diameter of the firepot just above the grates. After cutting the piece in half, so that it could be passed through the furnace door, I laid it on the grates as shown in the drawing, and found that it kept the wood embers from sifting through, and at the same time permitted the necessary draft.—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Mass.

Rubber Mat Protects Door

Children often kick against doors when opening them, which mars the finish. To prevent this, a neat rubber mat can be tacked on the bottom of the door. The mat can be obtained from a five and tencent store, and will not spoil the appearance of the door.—Chas. Latour, Jr., Plattsburg, N. Y.

Camper's Canoe Helps to Make Shelter

Any canoe, set bottomside up and covered with a large piece of canvas, as shown

in the drawing, can be

used to make a sturdy and

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Large, Triangular Piece of Canvas Staked Down over a Canoe, Makes a Sturdy and Roomy Shelter for the Camper and Eliminates the Need of a Separate Tent

in, stock, preferably hardwood, are used to raise one end of the canoe about 5 ft. above the ground. The lower ends of the supporting sticks are pointed. To the top ends 1/4-in, flat-iron tongues are attached; these fit into brackets made of the same material, and screwed to the inside of the gunwale or

ably. Two 6-ft.

poles of 3/4 by 11/2-

rail near one end of the canoe. The tongues should be a sliding fit in the brackets so that they can readily be inserted and removed and they must be slightly bent so that the supports will spread about 5 ft. apart at the ground. After this adjustment has been made, a heavy screweye is driven into each support, near the top,

and a length of chain is attached to the screweves to prevent the supports from spreading apart more than 5 The cover is made of 8-oz, duck, is triangular in shape, and the center line must be 2 ft, longer than the length of the canoe it is to fit. Make a double hem all around the edge and sew in four

rope loops on each side, spacing them apart at equal intervals. Throw the canvas over the canoe and stake down as shown. Nothing short of a real hard gale will blow this shelter over, and the occupants will be kept entirely dry.—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Mass.

Selecting House Plants

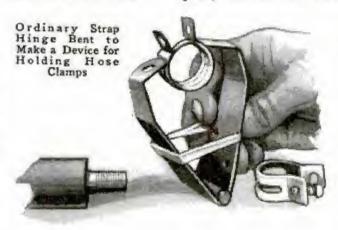
House plants, like pets, undoubtedly do much to keep the home more cheerful during the winter months, but they have to be chosen with regard to their ability to withstand indoor conditions. These, in modern homes and apartments, are none too good for humans, and pretty hard on plants. The best method of meeting the situation is to choose plants that can stand draft and, if possible, also endure having their roots flooded and deprived of air occasionally. Some of the old favorites, like geraniums and oleanders, are of this kind. The native home of the oleander is in Mesopotamia, where it is accustomed to standing with its roots in

river mud and its leaves in air that would discourage anything short of cactus. In general, you can guess whether or not a prospective house plant possesses this kind of hardiness by looking at its leaves. If they are well covered with hairs, like the leaves of a geranium, or if they are thick, hard and have a polished waxy or horny surface, like the leaf of an oleander. they can probably endure the conditions found in our homes and apartments. Primulas and some of the begonias belong to the former class, while the Jerusalem cherry, and the Boston fern belong to the latter. Their leaves hold out against drouth because they save the water in the plant by cutting down the evaporation loss. Another of nature's methods of reducing evaporation is to limit the number of leaves. The cactus does away with leaves altogether, and the Christmas thorn and the poinsettia, both of them desertdwelling euphorbias, develop leaves but sparingly. The century plant and aloe keep their leaves but make them thick and stemlike, and at the same time build up water-storing pulp, cactus-fashion, within them. Other plants meet the water-shortage peril by storing the indispensable fluid in their bulbs or corns, calla lilies, amaryllis, tulips, narcissi and jonquils being examples of this group.

Compressing Hose Clamps

For compressing hose clamps in order to enter the screw, a simple jig can be made from a common strap hinge. It is bent to the shape shown in the photo so that the ends will have a viselike grip on the clamp. A small notch is filed on each edge to keep a rubber band in position, the band serving to hold the jig in

position against the hose clamp. The hinge is then placed in a vise which is used to compress it. It takes only a few minutes to make this device which will be of considerable utility.—F. W. Bentley, Jr., Missouri Valley, Iowa.





Splash Guard Protects Auto Finish

Lacquer finishes on auto radiators are quickly attacked by anti-freeze solutions containing alcohol. To prevent damage from such liquids, provide a rubber splash guard cut from an old inner tube. It should be a square piece, as large as possible, with a small hole that will fit tightly over the filling spout of the radiator, as shown in the illustration. The natural curl of the section of inner tube forms a sort of trough which will guide any liquid spilled and allow it to drip off on the ground.—G. A. Luers, Washington. D. C.

Old Inner Tubes Used for Tractor Hose

During the harvest season, the water hose of our tractor became so badly rotted that it was impossible to retain water in the cooling system. To make a quick repair, we cut the hose in two about mid-

way between the ends and slipped a length of 3-in. inner tube over the cut to form a sleeve. Twine was wrapped around the ends, and the improvised repair held out the entire season without any leak.—Geo. G. McVicker, North Bend, Nebr.



VEAH, but who goes to parties?" The answer is: "Everybody." It may be a full-dress affair with all the trimmings, or maybe just a quiet foursome in Joe's back room, but everybody goes to parties. The only fellow who is a total abstainer is the wooden cigar-store Indian, and, today, "there ain't no sech animal!"

Try this one: It's quite simple; you merely kick at a matchbox. And how! Mark a line out on the floor. Take a matchbox and place it in front of you, on the floor, just exactly three lengths of your foot from this chalked line, as shown in Fig. 2. Now, toeing this line, and standing on one foot, can you kick the box of matches with the toe of the other foot, as in Fig. 1? Maybe you can do it, maybe not!

Rules for this stunt do not allow you to score if you lose your balance; neither do you score if you change the position of the balancing foot. Try it! If the next morning finds you with a crick in your back, forget it.

You ought to be in better shape, anyhow.

After the bridge game breaks up, try this little stunt of "In your hat." Here's the idea: You place a hat, open side up, on the floor several feet distant from where you sit. The trick is to toss the cards into the hat, as pictured in Fig. 4. At first sight, this may look like a simple little bit of byplay, but, get the bunch started and watch the fun. Score is kept by counting the number of cards "hatted" by each player, and the low-score man is "permitted" to pick up the cards at the completion of each round. Here's a tip: If you will hold the card by the upper left-hand corner between your first and second fingers, as shown in Fig. 3, you will find your aim considerably improved.

BOX BALANCE FOOT

Diagram of Box-Kicking Stunt



If at any party there comes the "felleh" you would gladly push into the river if nobody were looking, try to inveigle him into this: Tell him you can tell whether he is of the same dominating type as Jack Dempsey, Lindbergh, or Barney Google (thumbs down and take your choice) by a very simple expedient. This expedient calls for two glasses of water. Ask the friendly enemy to hold out his hands,

fingers extending and palms down. Now, place the two glasses of water on the back of his fingers, one on each hand, as shown in Fig. 5. Tell him he must look very serious for ten seconds and look into the glasses.

Of course, he does this easily and smiles at you triumphantly. But, it's a short-lived grin! It rapidly changes into a sickly smile and then a look of utter dismay as he becomes aware that everyone is withdrawing from his vicinity, leaving him to wonder "how in heck" he is going to put the glasses down. His dilemma furnishes considerable amusement for everybody. Of course there is a way in which he can set down the glasses. But figure it out for yourself!

The next one is a "chestnut." In fact, it's so old that it is practically unknown to the younger generation.

Here's the layout: Get a bottle and place it, on its side, on a table. Put a cork in the mouth of the

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Best Way of Holding Card

bottle, this cork being considerably smaller than the bottle's mouth. Wager anyone that he cannot blow the cork into the bottle by blowing from his mouth directly upon the end of the cork, as pictured in Fig. 6. "Zat so?" he grunts, and the fun begins.

Actually, the stunt is an impossibility to anyone not in the know. It will be found that the cork stubbornly refuses to enter the bottle, and instead, flies out with some force into the face of the blower. This is due to the pressure of the air from

the inside of the bottle, which cannot escape around the cork owing to the external pressure of air caused by blowing. Well, then, how ya gonna blow the dern thing in? Simple! Merely take a soda straw, or roll a piece of paper to form a tube, and with this tube direct your

breath so that it strikes the exact center of the cork, as shown in Fig. 7. It will then be found that the cork will be forced into the bottle, the displaced air escaping without obstruction.

The next little conceit is pretty rough business. At least they think so in the army. Get a curtain ring and tie it up somewhere with a piece of string. Hand a spectator a cane, yardstick, or what have you, and ask him if he can advance steadily on the ring from a distance of about ten feet and run the end of the stick through the ring. Believe it or not, it takes a good eye. What's that? Oh, yes, in the army they do it with a long lance, and on horseback, and the ring is a large hoop, and they ride full tilt. If that makes any difference.

Can you do this one? Look at Fig. 9. You see a matchbox cover on top of a matchbox drawer. The thing is: Can you change the relative positions of these two parts of the matchbox, that is, place the drawer on top of the cover, and all this by using the thumb and forefinger of one hand only? Think it over. Give up? All right: Merely bend over, and place your mouth squarely over the end of the matchbox cover, as shown in Fig. 10. Inhale sharply. The resulting vacuum will cause the drawer to cling to the cover with sufficient tenacity to enable you to quickly raise it to an upright position, as shown in Fig. 11. In this position, you take the cover with the thumb and forefinger of your right hand-one hand only, mind

> you—and then triumphantly return it to its place on the table. It's as simple as all that!

Here's something else: Tie a small ball, ring, or anything else that is handy, onto the end of a piece of string.



This should be done beforehand so that you can take the equipment from your pocket and announce, very gravely, that this key and string is possessed of a very magical property. This magical property has to do with the detection of males and females. The whole procedure calls for the subject taking a sitting position on a chair. He (or she) is then requested to look up at the key, which the performer holds suspended directly above her nose, as in Fig. 13. If the key swings backward and forward, it is "talking" to indicate that the subject is a lady; if the key swings from side to side, the subject is a gentleman. There is no visible movement of the performer's hand, and the divination is absorbingly mysterious.

As for the secret-there isn't any! The key actually

swings the way you want it to! You merely think "back-ward and forward," running your eye from one end to the other of an imaginary line in this direction, and the key, slowly at first and then with increasing momentum, will swing in unison with your





thoughts. There is no visible movement of your hand—it is apparently made of iron—yet the unconsious muscular vibrations are of sufficient strength to sway the magic pendulum.

Here is one kind of game that everybody likes to play—you can win every time! Place two sets of five cards on the table, each set numbered from one to five. Ordinary playing cards will answer, selecting aces, deuces. treys, etc. Two people play the game and each has one set of five cards. The first player places a counter, which may be a poker chip, a coin or anything else that is handy, on one card, say the four. This scores 4. The second player places his counter on any card of his set, let's say the 5. This is added to the first figure, making

the second player's score 9. The first player then moves his counter to another card, the 1, and this is added to the 9, making the total score, so far, 10. The big scramble is this: The player who first scores 40, or who forces his opponent to score more than 40, wins the game.

Now, for the big swindle. How can you win every time? Like this: You start the game, always playing the 4. The key numbers that you must plan to reach after the initial play are 10, 16, 22, 28, 34 and 40, which are all multiples of 3, plus 1. You may let your opponent start, if he or she insists, but as soon as possible you should make your play so that your score, when added to the previous total, will fall on



40. For example, if he starts with 5, you play 5 also, and your score will be 10. If he, in his haste to reach the final score, plays the 4 (the counter must be moved for every play), making his score 14, then you play a 2 and land on the 16. Your opponent may beat you to a possible two out of the key num-

of the numbers 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34 or



bers, but, if he is unaware of the method employed, you can always keep him from scoring the final 40, or force him to go over that amount.

Here is another "wet" trick. Inform the audience that you are a fa-

mous juggler. You'll get nothing but shouts of "prove it!" Take a mental note of the "felleh" who hisses the loudest; it comes in handy later. Now, what you propose to do is to balance a basin of water on the end of a broom handle. To get this difficult maneuver under way, you take a chair, and, standing on this, press the basin of water to the ceiling of the room. The broom handle is then centered squarely against the bottom of the pan, so as to hold it against the ceiling, as shown in Fig. 15. The performer then asks a spectator (remember that fellow who hissed the loudest?) to hold the stick while he gets down from the chair. This is done, and the chair is removed.

And there you are! A certain party gradually becomes aware of the fact that everyone is watching him intently. This "certain party" is the man holding the stick—with the pan of water at the other end. He may think this absorbed attention rather strange at first (he isn't doing this juggle, is he?) and then, suddenly, he realizes that without help he cannot get the pan down from the ceiling.

Believe it or not, his facial expression is worth watching. Of course, someone may eventually come to the holder's assistance. Needless to say, this is not absolutely essential. It makes a magnificent trick the other way. After the water is spilled, some-body mops it up good-naturedly, and all is well again. Very few murderers are convicted, in any case. Somebody suggests that you do the stunt in the kitchen!

A Locking Tool-Box Handle

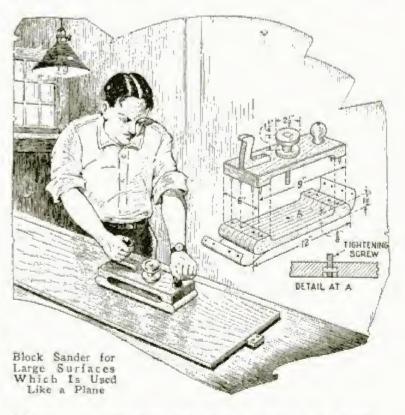
A handle for the tool box, which will save considerable time, can be made of heavy flat iron, as shown in the illustration. It can be made of two separate lengths with a wooden grip between them as indicated, or if desired, it can be made of one length of flat iron bent to a Ushape. The sides of the handle are drilled and slotted as shown and are pivoted on two screws

driven into opposite edges of the lid, so that, when the lid is swung back, the handle goes with it as in the lower detail. Notches, filed lengthwise in the ends of the handle, allow it to be slipped over another pair of screws, also driven into the edge of the lid. In this position, the handle is used for opening and closing the lid. When it is necessary to use the handle to carry the box, the lid is closed and the handle is disengaged from the screws just mentioned, after which it is brought to a vertical position. This action causes



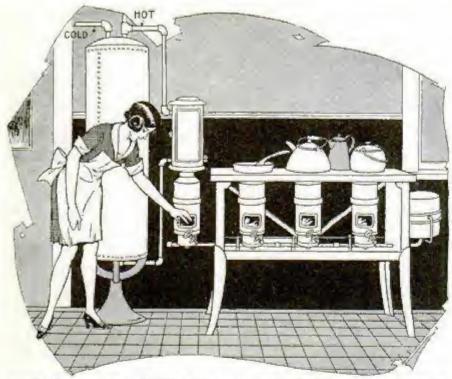
two notches, which are filed half way across the width of the handle and at a slight angle, to engage with a third pair of screws driven into the sides of the box at a point in line with the

notches. The handle always clamps the lid securely down on the box when the box is carried, preventing the loss of tools and equipment.—G. A. R. Peterson, Alma, Kansas.



Sanding Block for Large Surfaces

Using a piece of sandpaper on an ordinary block of wood is rather inconvenient as one must hold the paper against the edges of the block, and must exert a downward pressure at the same time. Anyone who has to sand large surfaces occasionally will therefore appreciate the sandpaper plane shown in the illustration, It consists of two sections between which the paper is clamped securely. The lower section is made up of a number of pieces of 1-in, material, preferably maple, nailed and glued together, or it can be made from a piece of 2 by 6-in, stock. The upper section is made the same size, the dimensions being given in the drawing. To insure a tight grip on the sandpaper, a number of nails are driven through the upper piece in a row, near each end as indicated, so that they will project on the underside about 1/4 in. The two sections of the sander are then pressed together and tapped with a hammer to drive the nail ends into the lower part, a piece of sandpaper being inserted between them. tightening screw is provided in the center and regular plane handles are attached to the top piece. The old paper can be removed and a new one inserted in a few seconds.-W. Clyde Lammey, Downers Grove, III.

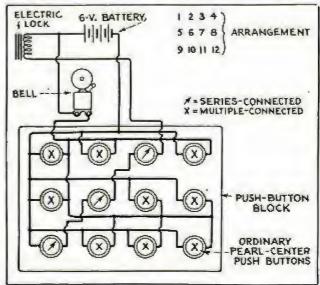


Extra Burner on an Oil Stove Used to Heat Water Coil in the Range Tank during the Summer

Water-Heating Installation for Oil Stove

In our home we have running water but no gas. The kitchen-range boiler has always given plenty of hot water during the winter, when the range was in use, but until we connected a heating coil to it and installed an extra burner on the oil stove to heat the coil, it was entirely useless during the summer. The oil stove was placed so that the extra burner would be located directly under the heating coil. The effect is the same as a gas heater, except that it is slower. It is an easy matter to attach an extra burner to the stove:

Remove the cap from the pipe, substitute a coupling and then screw in a section of pipe taken from a discarded burner. The pipe is cut and threaded to fit and the cap is replaced on the new end. A suitable method of bracing the extra burner is also easy to improvise, if braces are needed. —A. C. Dayton, Cheshire, Conn.



Wiring Arrangement for Operating an Electric Door Lock and Alarm Bell

Patching Dents in Boat Hulls

Red lead and Portland cement mixed, half and half, with oil to a putty consistency, form an excellent patching material for holes, up to the size of a silver dollar, in boat bottoms. The edge of the hole should be dry, rough, and pegged with small galvanized nails, projecting slightly to reinforce the cement. The patch hardens very slowly, hence it is best to do this work in winter, or while the boat is out of commission. For a quick repair, cement and water is fairly satis-

factory. It is then unnecessary to have the wood dry, and the boat can be put to use again, without danger to the patch, in about two days.

Thief-Proof Wiring Arrangement for Electric Lock

The diagram shows a wiring system for operating an electric lock by means of a block of push buttons, three of which, wired in series, open the lock, while all the others will ring an alarm bell when depressed. One not familiar with the key will not tamper with the switches, as the

bell indicates his presence and causes him to depart before the owner appears. The switches should be arranged on a hardwood, metal or slate panel attached to a wall, both panel and wall being drilled for the wires so they cannot be tampered with and the panel bolted through the wall, if possible.-W. J. Murrow, Macon, Ga.

One-Man Winder for Model Planes

By HI SIBLEY

THE ONLY proper method of putting power in a model airplane is with a mechanical winder, but this requires an assistant. There are, therefore, some disadvantages in that. Sometimes the experimenter wishes to try out a new model alone: again, assistants are not always available, especially in the early morning when air conditions are good.

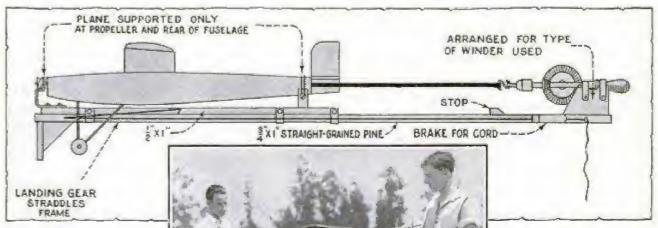
The simply made winding frame described here will enable one pair of hands to do a more uniform job of winding than two, and should be a part of the amateur's regular equipment. A glance will show how easily it is made.

Start with the main frame member, Fig. 1, using material about 3/4 by 1-in. wide. The length depends entirely upon the size of the plane you expect to use. We will assume we are building the frame for a standard commercial type with a 30-in. fuselage. In this case, the long frame

same width as the piece it rides on. Guides made of sheet metal, screwed to the top, allow it to slide along the main frame.

At the front end of the carriage, attach a slotted piece of flat iron, bent in the manner shown, to support the propeller when winding. This carries all the load, a V-block supporting the rear of the fuselage merely to keep it in line. There is no strain whatever on the fuselage. Note that the V-block, detailed in Fig. 2, is slightly offset so that rubber strands will clear the tail structure while winding.

In a convenient position for the thumb of the left hand, which holds the frame, install a brake for the cord shown. This brake is simply a piece of hardwood cut to the shape indicated in Fig. 2. A rubber band acts as a spring to keep it free when not required, and a slight pressure of the thumb clamps the wood against the cord. For the latter, use a stout cord



piece should be about 6 ft. 10 in. in length, so that the rubbers can be stretched about two and a half times their normal length in winding. A straight-grained piece of spruce or pine is ideal for this. The carriage for the plane should

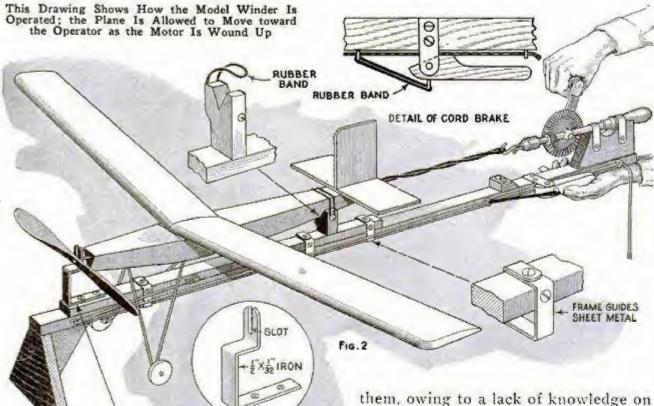
The Simple Mechanism in Fig. 1 Enables Builder to Wind Motor Single-Handed

be about the same length as the fuselage and need be only ½ in. thick, but the

similar to a mason's chalk line. Lead the cord from a screw-eye in the carriage, forward through one in the frame, then back to the rear and under the brake.

If a hand drill is used in connection with this frame, the shape of the block shown will serve to

hold it in position. For the egg-beater winder the block must be altered a little



in size and shape. A triangular block under the front end of the main frame rests on the ground when not in use and eliminates tendency to twist sideways.

To wind the motor, slip the propeller shaft into the slotted support and secure the fuselage by drawing a rubber band over the V-block, before detaching the Shook. Now adjust the distance between winder and tail to your satisfaction. clamping it in the position temporarily by giving the loose end of the cord a couple of twists around the end of the frame. Next attach the S-hook to the winder. press the left thumb on the brake and begin winding, at the same time gradually paying out the cord by pressing so that the plane moves toward you. This will insure a more uniform job than could be done with the aid of an assistant. A stop on the frame keeps the tail of the plane from striking the winder when the carriage is back all the way.

Making and Using Coil Springs

The experimenter or mechanic often spends time trying out springs that could not possibly do the work expected of

this important subject. First as to coil springs: Compression springs have open coils and the pressure on each end is toward the center. Tension springs have their coils wound close together; the working pressure on their ends is away from the center. A compression spring of greater strength is made by increasing the size of the wire; making fewer coils per inch of length, or decreasing the outside diameter of the coils. When this kind of spring is compressed, its outside diameter is slightly increased. Where a spring fits in a hole, this should be allowed for. A given weight will compress a long spring more than a short spring, otherwise of the same dimensions. In building a mechanism with a spring that is to be compressed, see that in the extreme closed position there is room left for the spring itself. A stronger tension spring is made by increasing the size of the wire, or by decreasing the outside diameter of the coils; and a weaker one by changes in the opposite direction. A compression spring of fair quality may be made from a tension spring by spreading the coils with a screwdriver. The loop on the end of a tension spring can be made, with pliers, from the end of the spring wire. Springs may be coiled from spring wire, brass or steel, or from piano wire. Spring wire comes an-

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nealed or tempered; if the former is used, the spring has to be tempered after it has been coiled.

Chest for Men's Hats

Usually a man's hat is laid on a shelf or hung on a hook in the closet where it is exposed to dust and where it is likely to be knocked down, which results in soiling it and getting it out of shape. A chest of four or five drawers, each just large enough to take one hat, can readily be made by anyone handy with tools, or if desired, can be ordered from a cabinet-



maker. The chest provides an excellent place for storing hats not in use. It keeps them out of the way but easily accessible whenever needed. Commodes of this type are supplied by one New York hat retailer, as a

convenience for his customers.-D. P. Hill, Long Island, N. Y. 4705 Sachard Woodude

Cure for Wet Distributor

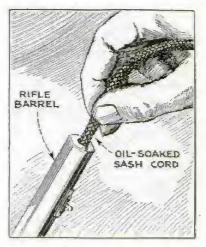
An oilcan filled with gasoline is a simple cure when a wet distributor will not permit a car to start. The gasoline, squirted over the wires at the top of the distributor, spreads over them and the bakelite surface, displacing or insulating the moisture particles that do the harm. A very small amount is sufficient.-A. Stenson, Gardena, Calif.

Removing Coffee and Milk Stains from Clothing

To remove coffee and milk stains from clothing, proceed as follows: Make a solution consisting of glycerine, 1 part, ammonia, ½ part, and water, 9 parts. Apply it to the spot, using a small brush, and then immerse the stained part of the clothing in the solution for 8 to 10 hours.

Keep the Rifle Barrel Bright

One of the best methods of keeping a rifle barrel well oiled is shown in the drawing. Get a length of sash cord a trifle longer than the barrel. Tie a knot at one end and wrap

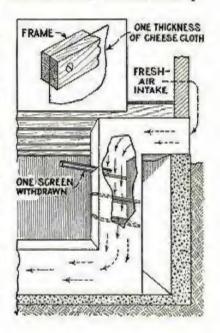


several turns of silk thread around the other end, after which a small screw can be driven into this end. To the screw head tie a stout cord. Soak the sash cord in a good grade of oil and pull it through the barrel by means of the smaller cord. The sash cord should fit snugly in the barrel and will keep it in good condition even if not used for long periods of time. -Dale R. Van Horn, Lincoln, Nebr.

Air Filter for the Hot-Air Furnace

In some localities in cities where there is considerable smoke and soot, the illustrated air filter for the hot-air furnace will be found beneficial. This arrangement applies only to cases where the air is taken from the outside. All that is necessary is the provision of three screens, the frames being made of 1 by 2-in. strips of wood, and fitted with cheesecloth. Besides keep-

ing out soot and dust, the screens will check excessive draft. They are slid in grooves made by nailing two slats parallel on each side of the freshair intake pipe, which is usually square and of wood. L. H. Georger, Buffalo.





This Sheet-Metal Steam Box, Handy for the Preparation of Packs, Was Installed in the Football Training Quarters of the Wisconsin University

Steam Box for Fomentations

For the preparation of fomentations or packs used by football and hockey squads, the illustrated steam box has been used and is highly recommended by "Bill" Fallon, head trainer of the University of Wisconsin football and hockey teams. It is a sheet-metal box about the size of an ordinary cedar chest, set on a suitable stand

made of angle iron, and connected to the steam-heating system as shown, a valve being provided to control the steam flow into the box, Wooden cleats are provided inside of the box to hold a number of wooden rods, cut from dowel stock. In use, woolen or flannel cloths are hung over the rods and the cover is tightly closed. When packs are

on a suitable stand iron, cut and bent t

Container for Extra Propeller Pins Is Soldered to the Fuel Tank of Outboard Motor

needed, steam is turned on and in a few moments the lid is lifted off, permitting the removal of a hot cloth ready to be applied to a sore muscle or stiff joint. The cost of making and installing such a box is less than \$10.00, and the operating cost is negligible.—Theodore S. Holstein, Madison, Wis.

Extra Propeller Pins for Outboard Motor

It is highly annoying to an outboard-motor enthusiast to have a propeller pin sheared off and then find that he has no spare pins with him. The shearing of propeller pins is a common occurrence, as the pins are purposely made of softer metal than

other parts of the propeller assembly so that they will shear off when the propeller hits an obstruction, thus avoiding damage to other parts. The installation of a new pin is only a moment's work, provided an extra is at hand. A convenient method of carrying a number of them is shown in the drawing. A small holder is made of sheet copper or galvanized sheet iron, cut and bent to the shape shown, so

as to form a number of cylindrical pockets, and soldered to the side of the fuel tank. The lugs are bent over to retain the propeller pins which are placed inside.— Dick Cole, Los Angeles, Calif.

Instead of coiling the garden hose in the usual way, lay it down in the shape of the figure 8, and turn each successive coil the same way.



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Keeping Your Saws Fit

By W. CLYDE LAMMEY

ON MOST of the popular workshop saws, a combination rip and crosscut blade is regularly furnished. However, many owners still prefer separate blades for ripping and crosscutting, and it is true that the common ripping blade is considerably faster in the cut. Another excellent saw is that known as the "planer" blade, which is hollow-ground

and runs without set. While slow, it cuts extremely smooth and clean in either rip or crosscut. It is especially fine for trimming end grain and eliminates much hand work. While the essentials of filing the blades apply to the various styles of saw blades, there are certain exceptions to be observed in each particular case, such as the angle of the file, the coarseness of the

set, etc. As it is impossible to give rules covering all cases of saw filing, the amateur should give his blade a careful examination before he attempts to file it. In this way he will, if a keen observer, learn much about the method of sharpening the blade he has in hand. The form of the teeth, before they have been filed, is the best guide,

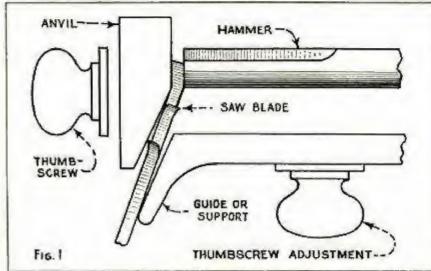




Fig. 1 Shows the Three Parts of Setter Used for Circular Saws; Photos Show, Left, Holder for Saws While Filing; Right, a Setter in Use





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and the aim of the filer should be to preserve this original form,

First you must remember that the three principal operations, namely, setting, jointing and filing, all contribute equally to the success of the job. If any of them is omitted or carelessly executed, you will have an ill-running saw, no matter how painstaking you are with the other two. First examine the set of the teeth. Unless they have been damaged by striking a nail or other metal, the form of the set can be

easily seen. On small blades, the teeth are almost invariably set by bending them and the bent portion is generally one-third of the length, unless it has been set for special uses. The teeth of the ripping blade are filed square across, while those of the crosscut blade are filed at an angle with the blade both vertically and

horizontally. If the teeth are merely dulled by long use, they must always be set before jointing or filing. If damaged, they should first be jointed, then brought to a point, after which they are again jointed off lightly, repointed by light filing, and the gullets cut down to give the proper clearance. The set should be put in after the preliminary jointing and pointing. In any case, the set is a major consideration, and as a rule it should be done first.

Fig. 1 shows the three principal parts of a saw set adapted to setting a circular saw. It will be seen from this that any adjustment of either the anvil or guide will change the form and coarseness of the set. With the better makes of saw sets, it is possible to adjust them very accurately to any depth desired. The set is best adjusted by placing the tool overthe teeth while the blade is on the arbor. Make a trial adjustment and set several successive teeth, bending them in the same direction as before. Sight across the teeth edgewise to best determine what has happened. Remember that the powerdriven saw does not require the same amount of set as the handsaw. Fig. 2. detail A, shows the correct medium set for a ripping blade. Where the blade is to be used almost exclusively in soft wood, the depth of the set, that is with relation to

the length of the tooth, may be slightly greater, but the width across the points should never be as great as that shown at B, where a "valley" appears between two adjacent teeth. The formation of a valley must be carefully avoided, as this will cause the ripping blade to vibrate excessively and "run" in the cut with greatly lessened capacity. Any discrepancy of this kind may be taken out by resetting the blade with the tool properly adjusted.

For all ordinary purposes, the coarse-

ness of the set should never exceed that shown in the detail A of Fig. 2. If the saw is to be used mostly for hardwood, the set may even be less. After checking over the setting, bend each alternate tooth in the same direction, so that two adjacent teeth will be set on opposite sides of the blade. Be sure to reset the teeth

on which the trial setting was made so that they will be uniform with the rest. After every second tooth has been set on one side, reverse the set or the blade, whichever is most convenient, and finish the remaining teeth. Two precautions must be carefully observed, namely, that the adjustment of the tool does not shift while setting, and also, that the tool does not slip when the pressure is applied, causing the hammer or plunger of the tool to pinch off the points of the teeth. Always hold the tool firmly, with the guide bearing against the blade when setting each tooth. When setting a combination blade. omit setting the cleaner tooth.

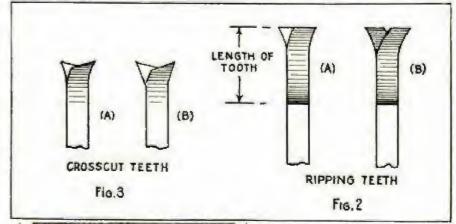
After setting, the blade must be jointed. Although this is easy to do, it is nevertheless of considerable importance, as it determines to a great extent the behavior of the blade while in the wood. This is even more true of the circular saw than of the handsaw. Fig. 4 shows a simple method of accurately jointing a small circular saw on the arbor. Get two narrow strips of wood the length of the saw table and clamp them down, one on either side of the blade. Put the blade on the arbor so that it will run backward. Raise the table until the teeth are just below the top edges of the strips. Hold a carborundum stone, coarse side down, on the

strips directly over the blade and start the motor. Lower the table slowly with the handscrew until the teeth of the saw strike the stone. Give the handwheel an additional half turn, then stop the motor and examine the saw. This operation strikes the teeth off evenly so that they will run in the same arc. Carefully continue this procedure until each tooth comes in contact with the stone, which will be sufficient. Never take off more than is necessary to even the teeth. On a table without an elevating screw, revolve the saw blade by pulling the belt by hand while adjusting the height.

The blade is now ready for filing. It is better to use new files. Never attempt to sharpen a blade with a file clogged with an accumulation of dirt and grease. Make a support for the blade as shown in some of the photos. Saw out a disk of wood, about ½ in, less in diameter than the blade, and if the hole in the blade is ½ in, drill a hole of equal size in the center of

the disk. Get a length of 1 by 4-in, stock and drill a 1/2-in, hole near one end. Put a short 12-in. bolt through the hole, place the disk over this and tighten the blade to the disk. Clamp the support to a table or bench with a suitable clamp or hold it in a vise. Never attempt to hold the saw itself in a vise when filing, for even though the jaws of the vise are of wood, the set is likely to be altered or taken out altogether in places, making it necessary to reset the entire blade.

When sharpening the ripping blade, the file stroke must be made straight across. with the file held at right angles to the blade. Take care to bring each tooth to a point and keep the original form. When filing crosscut teeth, the file must be held at an angle with the blade both vertically and horizontally, so that the teeth will be shaped at an angle, as shown in details A and B, Fig. 3. Detail B shows the medium form of the crosscut tooth on the combination blade, and detail A the common form of the tooth on the crosscut blade. Note that the angle of the cutting edge in detail B is slightly greater than in detail A. The common crosscut tooth is sharpened with the file held more nearly square with the blade than in the case of the combination blade. A deeper valley on the combination cutting teeth will make the blade cut faster in a ripping cut and be in no way a hindrance when cross-This deeper valley allows the cutting.





Figs. 2 and 3, Proper Set and Tooth Shape of Crosscut and Ripsaws; Center, How Sides of Filed Teeth Are Dressed Down Evenly and, Below, How Saw Table Is Let Down Slowly When Jointing

cleaner teeth to sever the lengthwise fibers of the wood when making the ripping cut.

When filing the crosscutting teeth, run the file cut down into the gullet to keep the original form of the teeth and to prevent the formation of a

shoulder in subsequent filings. Although it takes longer, the best method of filing accurately is to disregard

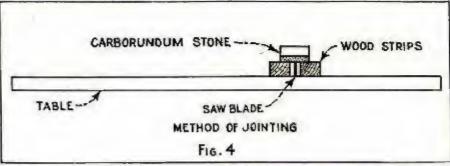
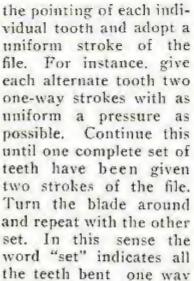


Fig. 4 Shows How Wood Strips and Carborundum Stone Are Used for Jointing and the Photos Show Side-Dressing and Filing Operations



on the same blade. When finished, turn the blade back again and bring the teeth very carefully to a point, taking care not to alter their shape. Bring the other set to a point in the same manner. makes four operations, and while it is not always done, owing to the time required. this method enables one to turn out as nearly perfect a job of saw filing as is possible by hand methods. While filing, it is essential to have the blade in the very best available light so that the result of each stroke may be seen readily, especially when pointing the teeth. Always use a flat file when sharpening the cleaner teeth of the combination and planer blades and make the stroke straight across as in filing the ripping tooth. Give the cleaner teeth one extra stroke with the file after bringing to an edge. This will bring the cutting edge to the correct position, which should be very slightly less than the arc of the cutting teeth.

It will perhaps be well to add a word concerning what is commonly known as "gumming." This operation consists in filing the round gullets between ripping teeth, to obtain maximum tooth clearance and prevent breakage. After the first two filings of a ripping blade, the





gullets should be filed with a small round file of suitable diameter. The stroke is made straight across, and it is best done before setting and jointing. Two strokes of the file in each gullet should be sufficient at each filing of the saw. The cutting teeth of combination, crosscut and planer blades are more or less automatically gummed by each filing, owing to the slightly rounded corners of the file used, and as a rule need no further attention on the smaller blades.

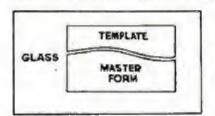
After the filing is finished, the teeth will need to be dressed, to bring the cutting points in line so that the saw will cut clean and smooth. To do this, tighten the blade on the arbor, running the right way, and bring up the rip guide. Lay the carborundum stone against the guide, with the edge up and the fine side next the saw. Do not allow the stone to strike the upcoming teeth but only those going down. Leave the guide free so that it may be easily moved by hand. Start the motor and bring the stone against the teeth very lightly, allowing it to touch only the sides of the points. Keep the stone flat against the guide. Repeat the operation on the other side of the blade. Be very careful not to take off too much.

Grind down just enough to even the points and bring them in line. Where the rip-guide assembly will not permit this procedure, lay the blade on a flat surface and rub the teeth lightly with the fine side of the stone, as shown.

A small dado head may be accurately jointed and filed by using practically the same method as for the saw blade. joint the head, use the strips clamped to the saw table as before, and assemble all the separate cutters on the arbor so that they run backward. Use the coarse side of the stone, as before, in jointing. If this is done carefully, no harm will result to the stone either in this operation or in that of jointing the saw blade, if both are run backward. Remove the head and carefully file the two outside cutters. Note the shape of the cutting teeth and take care not to alter their shape. Remember that the original form of the tooth is the very best guide in filing it. When the filing is complete, give each cleaner tooth an additional stroke with the flat file, as on the combination and planer blades. Assemble all the inside cutters on the arbor. running backward, and joint them again very lightly. Remove and file the top of each tooth straight across, just back of the cutting edge, to remove the rounded portion caused by jointing. Carefully done, these simple operations will put the small dado head in excellent shape,

Making Accurate Templates

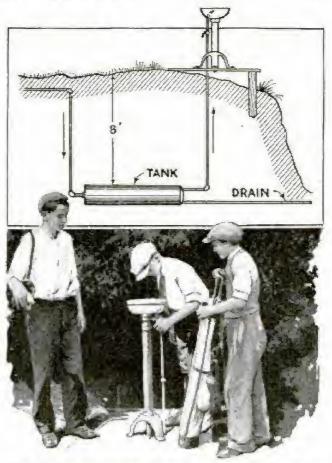
A flat piece of window glass simplifies the usually difficult job of making accurate templates. As the glass is transparent, the inaccuracies can be readily seen and corrected while the work is held



flat by the glass. If other methods are used, it is almost impossible to hold the work prop-

erly and at the same time see the errors.— C. Kugler, Philadelphia, Pa.

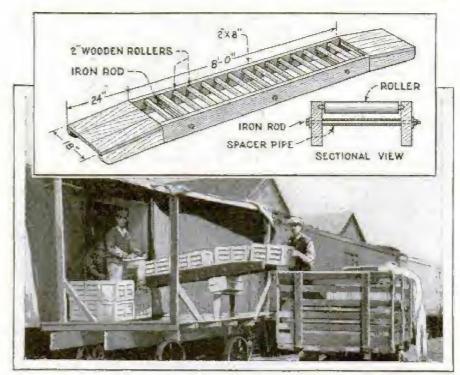
(I) Handles on machinery are usually set so that a clockwise movement actuates the part controlled forward, and the reverse, backward.



Cool Drinking Water from Fountain Obtained by Passing Water through a Buried Tank

Cooler for Fountain Water

Coolers of the kind shown in the drawing are used on a golf course near Akron, Ohio. The system consists of a galvanized-iron tank, such as a hot-water heater for the home, about 30 ft, of pipe and a fountain. The tank is buried in a horizontal position and at least 8 ft. under the ground. The feed pipe from the water supply is fitted to one end and a second pipe leads from the other end of the tank to the fountain above. In this particular case, a drain pipe was also provided to permit cleaning the tank or emptying it during cold weather. Of course, if it is desired to install a drain pipe, it is necessary to place the tank near a bank, as indicated. The fountain recommended for the purpose is of the angle-flow type, which is sanitary, and it is advisable to locate it in the shade. It was found that water in the pipes laid near the surface of the golf course often become hot, while that taken from the fountain had an average temperature of from 50 to 60°. The same system can be used wherever it is desired to have cool drinking water .-Walter E. Burton, Kenmore, Ohio.



Portable Loading Shed with Roller Conveyor Enables Quick Transfer of Perishable Fruit from Farmers' Wagons into Refrigerator Cars

Portable Conveyor Speeds Loading

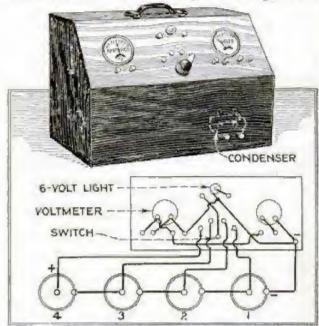
Quick action is necessary when loading strawberries, grapes and other perishable fruits into refrigerator cars. Under the old system, which is still generally in use, wagons containing the fruit are unloaded at sheds beside the railroad tracks, the crates handled over the tables for inspection, after which they are picked up and carried into the car. Hence, it is usually necessary to move the cars to points most convenient for loading them. To increase the speed of loading, a portable shed, equipped with a roller conveyor. was designed by Ira Graham, general manager of the Berry Growers' association, of Springdale, Ark., and it was highly successful. The shed can be moved from one car to the next in a few moments without waiting for a switch engine. The fruit is transferred directly from the farmers' wagons onto the roller conveyor in the shed, where it is examined and then pushed into the car.-Ira D. Mullinax, St. Louis, Mo.

Test Box for the Automotive Electrician

For testing the electrical systems of cars, the illustrated box, which holds a number of dry cells and has a voltmeter, ammeter, condenser and a number of

tapped switches, will be found of great utility. The box can be made any suitable size. A pocket of heavy fabric is attached to the back to carry two testing leads, which are fitted with test points at one end and small battery clips at the other for quick attachment to the parts to be tested. The switch contacts are made from No. 22 gauge rifle shells, and the connecting wires soldered to them, whereupon they are pushed into holes drilled in the panel. The switch lever can be obtained from a radio shop. The test condenser was made from

an old Ford-coil condenser, wrapped with tape and with leads soldered to the terminals. The dry cells are connected in series, and the negative end is connected to a terminal on the panel, while taps are taken to the switch points. In order to test ignition coils, the voltmeter must be connected in series with the dry cells, using 6 volts to test the secondary winding of the coil, in which case the voltmeter should read from 2 to 3 volts, owing to the resistance of the coil winding. A short circuit causes a high reading, while



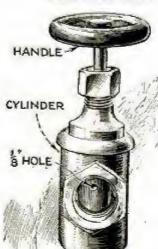
Portable Test Box for the Auto Electrician Contains Dry Cells and Is Equipped with Meters

an open circuit gives no reading at all.— Harold L. Flinn, Arnold, Pa.

Cement-Bandage Repair on Large Pipes or Cylinders

For mending leaks in irrigating pipes. cracked pumps or cylinders, steam-heating pipes, etc., a bandage of cement and cloth makes a good job. Mix Portland cement and water to a paste; next take a long strip of loose-woven cloth, burlap, or cheesecloth, 3 in. wide, and roll it into a roll like a surgeon's bandage. Work the loose end full of the mortar, and wind it around the leak, taking a handful of the cement mortar and working it well into the cloth, at each round. Continue until the bandage is 1 in, thick; then finish over the surface with the mortar, and let it stand for 48 hours, well protected from wind and sun. It will then be ready for use. If there is a heavy pressure in the pipes, wrap wire mesh around to reinforce it. Leaks in 8-in, irrigating pipe have been mended by this method.

Valve for Hot-Water Radiator



Hot-water radiators are often ruined by freezing. Usually this happens when people shut the valve and neglect opening it until too late to prevent the damage. Such damage can, however, be over come by slightly altering the inside of the valve. If it is of

the revolving-cylinder type, as shown in the drawing, or a flat-surfaced gate valve, drill a 1/8-in, hole through it. If it is a flat-seated disk valve, cut a small groove across the face of the disk. This treatment will allow enough water to pass the valve to prevent its freezing as long as there is any fire in the furnace. At the same time, the flow of water is so slight that to all appearances the radiator is entirely closed.—James E. Noble, Toronto, Canada.



Extended Cuff on Carpenter's Trousers Makes Handy Nail Sack When Laying Flooring

Handy Carpenter's Nail Sack Attached to Trouser Cuff

When a carpenter is laying flooring he will find a nail sack attached to his left trouser cuff a great timesaver. The sack may be either separate, having strings to tie it around the ankle, or it can be made a permanent part of the trouser or overalls by merely extending the cuff. The latter method is preferable as it is always in place when needed.—H. H. Siegele, Emporia, Kans.

Hand Guard for the Bucksaw

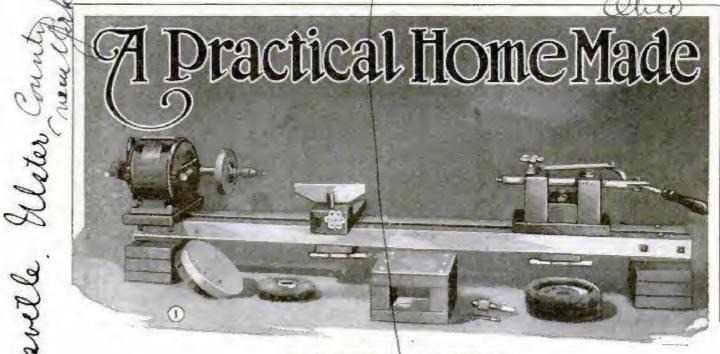
Anyone who has grasped the handle of a bucksaw quickly and felt the teeth dig into his fingers, or has smashed his

knuckles against the wood when making the forward stroke, will appreciate the illustrated guard to prevent such injuries. It consists of a strip of galvanized sheet iron bent to a U-shape and screwed to the handle of the



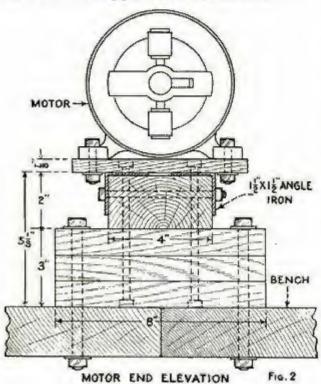
saw as indicated. The saw is used in the customary manner with the fore or index finger fitting inside of the guard.—Raymond B. Wailes, Bethesda, Md.

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By EDWARD THATCHER

THOROUGHLY practical combination workshop for turning, drilling. grinding, polishing, sanding and planing may be very easily built at home without the use of machine tools, ordinary hand tools, such as form part of the equipment of the average amateur's shop, being used throughout. The machine is inexpensive to build, runs smoothly and quietly, and will do quite as good work as its commercial counterparts, which it closely resembles both in appearance and results.



The writer has a well-equipped workshop for experimental and practical work, most of the machines being driven from a main shaft belted to the gasoline engine that drives his light plant. Several small notors are used, and the one shown on he lathe in the accompanying illustraions was formerly used to drive a small dircular saw. For this I had purchased a motor-shaft attachment to hold an emery wheel, drill chuck, etc., and I found this exceedingly convenient, but it had one disadvantage: When in use on the motor, the saw table was always in the way. One day I picked up some pieces of angle iron from an old bedstead, and this gave me the idea of constructing the combination machine, as the angle stock, being rigid, straight and true, seemed to be ideal material for a lathe bed. I proceeded to build up the unit, using scrap pieces of iron, blocks of wood, bolts, handwheels from an old oil stove, etc. When it was finished, I was enabled to do a great deal of work that was formerly impossible; I had added a practical lathe to my equipment, and all my turning, grinding, polishing, etc., could be done on the combination unit without starting up the gasoline engine.

The motor was a 32-volt 1/4-hp. type, adapted for use with a farm-lighting plant. Any type of a.c. or d.c. motor can, of course, be used, and a 1/4-hp. size, run-

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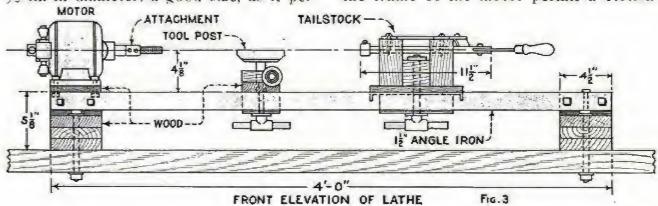
ning at 1,750 r.p.m. will be ample for most work. New motors of this size can be obtained at prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$15, while secondhand motors, in good condition, can often be picked up for very much less. There is no reason why a 1/2-lip. motor could not be used for heavier work in the same way, as motor-shaft attachments can be purchased, fitting shafts up to 5/8 in. in diameter.

The angle-iron bed of the lathe can also be made heavier or longer if desired for special purposes, although, if this is done, the bed should be braced, at about 30-in. intervals, with auxiliary legs. The angles used for this lathe were 1½ in. wide and ½ in. thick. Angles, ¾6 or even ¼ in. thick, would be still better for longer beds. The bed on the original is 4 ft, long, accommodating work 26 in. long and of 8-in. swing. It is a simple matter to increase the swing merely by increasing the height of the blocking under the motor, and making the tailstock and other parts to suit.

The shaft of my motor is ½ in., so this was the size of the shaft attachment purchased. The attachment consists of a sleeve bored to fit the motor shaft and locked in place with two setscrews, the outer end being threaded to accommodate the drill chuck, collars for emery and polishing wheels and the nut. This end is ½ in. in diameter, a good size, as it per-

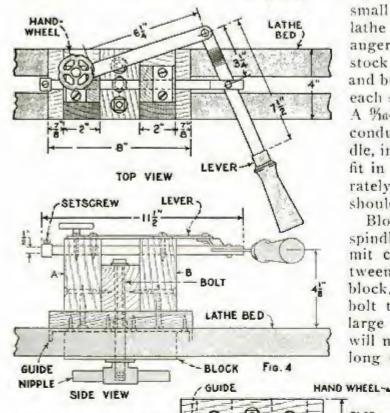
mits the use of a number of inexpensive lathe-head attachments of other makes. Such attachments may be purchased at from \$1 to \$2.50 each. It is important to see that the motor shaft runs true in the first instance, and that the attachment, when fitted, also runs true and straight.

The angle irons forming the bed of the lathe are bolted to the wooden blocks forming the legs or supports, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The blocks are preferably of hardwood, although soft wood may be used if hardwood is unobtainable. A clear straight-grained piece of 2 by 4in, stuff is bolted between the angle irons at each end, spreading the angles and thus forming the slot in the bed. The piece at the motor end is as long as the bed of the motor. A piece of clear maple is bolted on top of the angles to form the motor base, the bolts running down through the spacing block and the supports. The slots in the frame of the motor permit a certain



amount of side adjustment when lining up the lathe. The support blocks are bolted to the bench. Care should be taken to keep the lathe bed as level as possible, and, of course, the spindle of the motor should be kept parallel to the bed.

The tailstock, Figs. 3 and 4, is built up of hardwood blocks, preferably beech, maple or some similar hardwood of fine, even grain. The spindle is made of conduit, ½ in. in inside diameter. To strengthen this on the end where the centers are fitted, it is threaded, and a coupling is



screwed on, after which the coupling is filed or turned off even with the end of the spindle, and

made square. A hole is drilled through the coupling and spindle and tapped for a setscrew, which holds centers or a drill chuck with ½-in. shanks. The other end of the spindle is slotted with the hack-saw to take the lever feed.

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The body of the tailstock is built up as shown in Fig. 4, using heavy wood screws to hold the blocks together. Underneath the flat block that rides on the lathe bed is screwed a length of 1-in, flat iron. The ends of this are bent down to fit in the slot of the lathe bed and form a guide for the tailstock. This piece must

be a good sliding fit in the slot, as it must keep the tailstock in line with the motor. Build up the body completely, but do not drill it for the spindle. See that it slides evenly and truly on the bed and that it may be clamped firmly in position. Mount the drill chuck on the motor shaft, and, with a 1/8-in, twist drill, drill through the blocks A and B on the tailstock body, moving the body up to the drill, while keeping it pressed down on the lathe bed. It will be necessary, after drilling block A, to reverse the tailstock to drill B. This small hole marks the exact height of the lathe centers, and forms a guide for an auger bit, of the right size for the tailstock spindle used. Remove the blocks and bore halfway through each block from each side, with the drilled holes as guides. A %a-in, bit was just right for the 1/2-in. conduit used on the original. The spindle, in any event, should be a good sliding fit in the blocks, and should center accurately with the headstock spindle. should also be parallel to the bed.

Block A is slotted on one side of the spindle hole, as shown in Fig. 5, to permit clamping the spindle. Halfway between the spindle hole and the back of the block, bore a hole that will allow a ½-in, bolt to be screwed tightly into it. Enlarge the hole above the slot so that it will not bind on the bolt, cut off the bolt long enough to screw firmly down into

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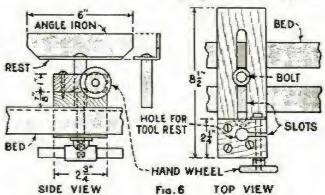
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the lower hole, and still allow enough thread to project above the block to take the handwheel. Drill a clearance hole for the bolt in a piece of flat iron, and screw this to the top of the block (Figs. 4 and 5) to



take the pressure of the handwheel and to prevent marring or splitting the wood. If a handwheel to fit the bolt is not available, a common nut may be used to clamp the spindle. The construction of the lever feed is quite simple, and is perfectly clear from the drawings. This type of feed is very handy for drilling, and is decidedly easier to make than the screw feed.

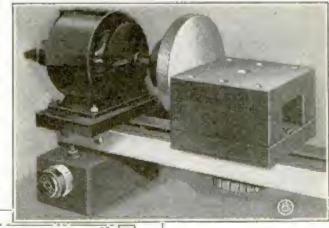
The tool post and tool rest are shown in Fig. 6. The base, which rests on the

bed, is made of a slotted length of hardwood; the part that clamps the tool rest is made from another block, attached to the first with three screws. as indicated. The inner portion of the second block, beyond the saw slot, is not screwed down, as the bolt draws this in on the shank of the tool

rest, making the rest adjustable for height. In this case, the clamp bolt goes right through the block, with its head toward the bed of the lathe. The rest itself is made of a length of angle iron, riveted to a shouldered post or shank. The offset thus given the angle makes it possible to set the rest close to small work. The rest, of course, may be made any desirable length.

The faceplate, Fig. 7, is made by first sawing out a wooden disk 7/8 in, thick and 6 in. in diameter. Another disk, 11/2 to 2 in. thick and 3 in. in diameter, is glued and screwed to the first, to serve as a hub. Drill a hole through them slightly smaller in diameter than the threaded headstock spindle, screw the plate in place and turn to shape and size.

The table for use with the faceplate, when sanding, is made up of wood, as in Fig. 7. It is clamped to the lathe bed in the same manner as the tailstock and tool post. The table should be at right angles to the faceplate. The table can be made adjustable, to permit work to be sanded at a bevel, by hinging the front edge, and providing supports for the table when raised. Fig. 8 shows the table and face-



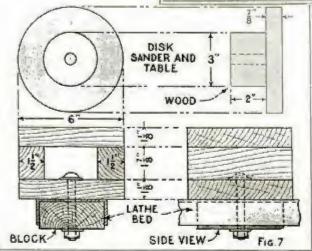


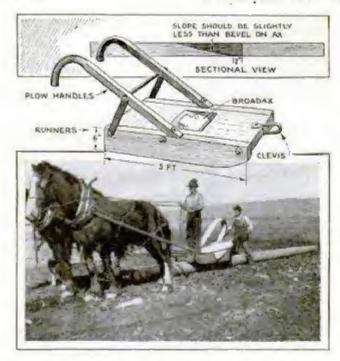
plate in position on the lathe. Note the conveniently placed snap switch for starting and stopping the machine. The clamping wheels for the various attachments may be made up of old valve wheels. drilled out and threaded to fit the

clamp bolts. Even wheels taken from old toys will sometimes serve the purpose. In the absence of wheels, clamp nuts may be made up of pipe and fittings, as indicated in Figs. 3, 4 and 6. A 1/4-in, tee and two nipples make a good clamp, the side outlet being tapped to fit the bolt.

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Cements for Pipe Joints

Cement for making screw joints in pipes steam-tight may be made from graphite and heavy cylinder oil. Just enough oil is mixed with the graphite to form a thick paste. A good cement for both water and steam pipes has this composition: whiting, 4 lb.; fine yellow ocher, 10 lb.; ground litharge, 4 lb.; and 1/2 lb. of hemp cut into fine particles. These ingredients are mixed thoroughly with linseed oil to form a paste, which is applied on the threads of the pipes and fittings. For ammonia piping, a cement made of litharge and glycerin is used. Sufficient glycerin is added to the litharge to form a putty. Only enough of this cement should be mixed to serve immediate needs, as it sets quickly.



With This Horse-Drawn Plane Thick Slices Can Be Removed from Huge Logs

Horse-Drawn Tool Planes Timbers

Anyone who has to deal with timber will find the horse-drawn plane shown in the illustration a great labor saver. It consists of a wooden frame made by using 4 by 6-in, planks for runners 5 ft. long, a 4in, top piece, fastened to the runner with 34-in, bolts through holes in both runner and top, and a broadax, set in the top piece as shown, a section of the top being cut out for this purpose. The broadax is securely bolted to the sloping edge of the top, the angle of which should be slightly less than the bevel of the ax. It is necessary to countersink the screw or boltheads which fasten the broadax, especially if it is desired to cut wood for making shingles. A pair of plow handles and a clevis complete the tool. The logs should he set against a stop to prevent them from sliding when a heavy cut is made. A stout post driven into the ground, so that only 6 in. projects makes a good stop for this purpose. For ordinary planing, a 1/4-in. bite should be taken, and a heavier cut for shingles. When cutting shingles, make cross saw cuts in the log, every 16 or 18 in., to within 2 in. of the heart .-Eden W. Robinson, Grand Haven, Can.

■When soldering, if there is any suspicion of grease or oil on the surface, clean off with with carbon tetrachloride before applying the flux.

Simple Test Distinguishes Wood and Denatural Alcohols

It is often difficult to tell the difference between refined poisonous wood alcohol and denatured alcohol. A thin piece of celluloid, if put in a vial of the alcohol in question, will quickly reveal its nature. Wood alcohol will dissolve the celluloid, while denatured alcohol will have no other effect in 12 hours than to remove the polish. In handling these chemicals it should be borne in mind that wood alcohol is not only a deadly poison if taken internally, but that one may be poisoned by breathing its fumes or by absorption through the skin,

Convenient Bolt and Rivet Trays

In a large Denver machine shop, a number of bolt and rivet trays have been put in use and found entirely satisfactory. The frame consists of four 30-in, lengths of 2-in, pipe, flattened at one end and bent at right angles to form feet, and two siderails, flattened and drilled as indicated, for attachment to the top of the legs. Three sheet-metal troughs, ranging from 8 to 14 in, in width, and as long as the frame, with one partition across the center, are welded between the legs at suitable heights for the easy filling of the trays and handy removal of the contents. When not in use, the outfit is kept near the sup-

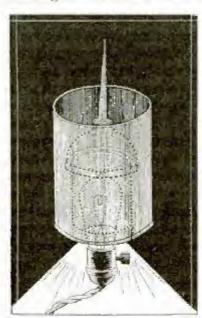


Rack of Sheet-Metal Trays on Pipe Frame Used for Holding Bolts in Machine Shop

ply bins, so that they can be quickly loaded up when required and carried to the job.— Jos. C. Coyle, Denver, Colo.

Keeping Lard Oil Warm

To keep lard oil warm during cold weather so that it will run easily, get an extension cord, a small lamp, a pipe coupling that will fit around the lamp, and a tin can which will allow both lamp and coupling to fit inside of it, as shown in the drawing. Cut a hole in the center of the bottom of the tin can just large enough for the neck of the lamp to pass through. Punch a hole through the side



with the lamp.-W. W. Parker, Lead, South Dakota.

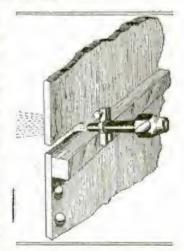
of the can and screw it to the wall. Place the coupling around the lamp so that it will extend above it, as shown. It will then serve as a grate for holding the oilean, as indicated, thus preventing the latter from coming in contact

An Improvement for Electric Bells Having Small Transformers

In electric-bell installations, dry cells are being superseded to a considerable extent by small transformers. This source of power is usually stronger than a battery current. For this reason the contacts are likely to occasion trouble, a particularly important consideration in view of the almost prohibitive cost of platinum. Ordinarily, there is no need for a loud signal, and in offices, and similar places, a quiet buzzer is desirable. Under these conditions the make-and-break system of contacts was disconnected, and the magnetic coils connected directly with the circuit. As the transformer current is of the alternating type, a good signal is obtained by adjusting the vibrating armature closely at the screw contact. When so arranged, a vibration of 120 per second is obtained on the 60-cycle current.

Adjustable Gauge for Acetylene Blowtorch

The sharpness of the cut made with an acetylene blowtorch depends to a great extent on the steadiness and regularity with which the torch can be moved along. With the aid of the adjustable gauge shown in the drawing, it

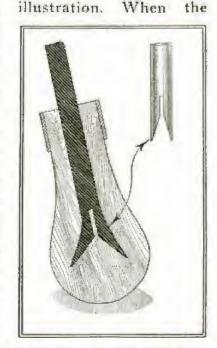


is easy to make a neat, narrow cut, both edges of which will be sharp and the lower one almost free from oxide. The gauge consists of a clamp fitted with a thumbscrew allowing it to be opened or closed on the nozzle of the torch in various positions. The body of the gauge is set at right angles to the nozzle so that it can be slid along a guide strip.

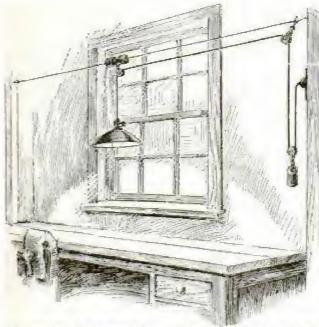
Anchoring Screwdriver Shanks

Screwdriver shanks can be securely anchored in a wooden handle without any risk of splitting by merely making a slit in the shank with a hacksaw and filing the edges to sharp points, as shown in the

accompanying shank thus cut and filed is driven down into the handle the sharpened edges will spread, providing excellent anchorage, and preventing the blade from turning, no matter how much force is applied in using the screwdriver. In fact, the han-



dle will break before the shank will turn.
-John A. Blaker, West Auburn, Mass.



Adjustable Workberch Lamp Can Be Set in Any Position and Height Desired

A Convenient Bench Light

Where it is necessary to move a light over a workbench to various positions, the method of suspension shown in the drawing will be found highly satisfactory, as it allows the lamp to be moved about with the least effort, and it always stays just where it is put. A stout steel wire is stretched taut between two screwhooks driven into the wall at each end of the bench. A porcelain insulator used in electric wiring is slipped over the wire and a small pulley is attached to the knob. An extension cord is slipped over the pul-

lev and over a similar pulley held by one of the screwhooks at the end. A third pulley with a small weight attached serves as a counterweight and is slipped over the cord at the plug end. A cleat receptacle or a wall receptacle should be installed in line with the wire and cord as indicated. The double advantage of this installation is that the bench light can be slid to any point along the wire and it can also be adjusted to any desired height.—Hal Kramer, Allston, Mass.

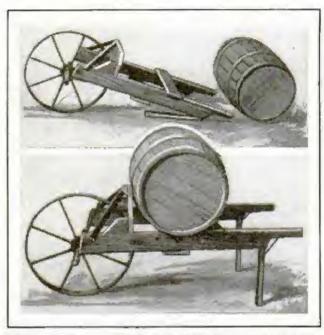
Ventilating Photographic Dark Room

Photographic dark rooms should, of course, be light-proof, and in an effort to obtain this condition, the question of ventilation is often neglected. Good air is necessary for the comfort of the operator, and is especially essential in summer, to reduce the room temperature. A hot dark room means poor photographic results. The best method of securing ventilation is to force air into the room. This cannot be done handily by an electric fan in a direct opening in the wall, because of the admission of light. A wooden conduit, 12 in. high, 14 in, wide, and 8 ft. or more long, solved the problem. It was built to permit cool, fresh air to enter the room near the floor, and suitable provision was made for the exit of the warm air, near the ceiling. The air was blown into the room by an electric fan placed at the opening. The factory photographer who devised the arrangement found it indispensable.

Hinged Legs Make Barrow Easy to Load

Anyone who has loaded barrels of oil or other heavy material on a wheelbarrow knows what a job it is, and will therefore appreciate the type of barrow shown in

> the drawing. It has folding legs, which permit the handle end to rest on the ground so that the barrel can be rolled onto it. The whole barrow is homemade. The legs are hinged so that they will drop in place when the barrow is lifted. Hooks are attached to the underside of the handles to engage with screweves driven into the legs in order to lock them securely when they are in use.



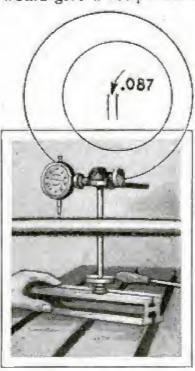
Folding Legs on Homemade Wheelbarrow Make It Easy to Load Heavy Barrels

Cutting Disks or Rings Accurately from Sheet Metal

It is difficult to hold a piece of sheet metal to the faceplate of a lathe without boring holes in it. This is a difficulty that may be readily overcome by proceeding as follows: Warm the piece of sheet metal slightly and place upon it a piece of paraffin, sufficient to spread out and cover the surface when melted. Remove the faceplate and set it, face down, upon the paraffined surface of the metal. When the paraffin has hardened, the metal will be held against the faceplate firmly, permitting accurate cutting of disks or rings, if care is used.

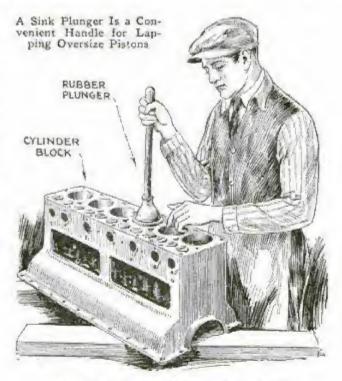
Dial Indicator Facilitates Turning and Boring Eccentrics

A quick method of gauging an exact throw or "cam" by turning is to use a dial indicator as shown in the drawing. A recent turning job required a shaft that would give a reciprocating movement of



.087 in, to a plunger. The shaft was first laid in Vblocks, and lines were drawn on the two ends, one on center, the other approximately .087 in. out of center. Light prick-punch marks were then made. the shaft placed between centers, and the dial indicator was

fed up to indicate the low spot on the shaft's diameter. While taking a reading of the dial, the shaft was turned one complete revolution to determine if the difference between the low and high reading on the dial was .087 in. By noting the readings, the prick-punch marks could be shifted so that the throw would be exactly .087 in.—J. McIntyre, Hartford, Conn.



Sink Plunger Holds Cylinders for Lapping

Usually, during the process of fitting oversize pistons in an auto engine, the lapping of the pistons and rings is done by putting the piston in the cylinder upside down, so that the connecting rod can be used as a handle. This practice does not give very accurate results owing to the taper of the bore, which is caused by wear. The lapping of the piston should be done in its normal position in order to avoid compression leakage and oil pumping. To do this, a sink plunger will be found convenient, as it can be pressed on the top of the piston firmly and will retain its grip unless the suction cup is defective.

Novel Repair for Cracked Water Jacket on Engine

A cracked water jacket may be repaired satisfactorily as follows: Drill and tap a small hole at the end of the crack. Thread in a copper wire, or rod, and cut it off flush. Next drill another hole beside the first one, and close enough to it, so that the threads of the plug, screwed into it, will lap into the first plug. This process is repeated until the crack is filled. The heads of the plugs are then riveted, to close the small intervening spaces. With careful workmanship, this method will provide a water-tight repair that will give indefinite service.



Homemade Baled-Hay Hoist Built on and Powered by an Old Auto

Old Auto Makes Good Hay Hoist

The photo shows a convenient baledhav hoist built on and powered by an old This contrivance was used with auto. much success on the farm of Russell Brothers, of Winfield, Kans. It consists of a wooden slide extending from the auto at an angle to reach the hav door of the barn. The slide is slotted in the center from the bottom to the top. A hoisting chain, equipped with corn-binder lugs, runs directly under the slot so that the lugs project upward through the slot and engage with the bales that are placed on the slide. The hoisting chain is driven indirectly by means of three sprockets and a second chain, which engages with a sprocket attached to one of the drive wheels of the auto. An adjustable idler sprocket mounted under the slide keeps the chain tight. After a bale of hay is placed on the slide, the first lug that comes along catches the bale and pulls it up. Four wooden spars, mounted over the slide, catch any bale that happens to slip back and hold it on the slide until the next lug again engages with the bale and carries it up. While the hoist is being operated it is, of course, necessary to jack up the car wheel, to which the driving sprocket is attached. The hoisting speed can be varied by using the gear shift of the car in various positions, and by adjusting the throttle. The hoist shown in the photo raises the bales 20 ft., but it is obvious that a hoist of any practical height can be built and operated in the same way.

—Stanley Russell, Winfield, Kans.

Using Plumb Bob in the Wind

When the wind is blowing, accurate measurements with a plumb bob are impossible. The difficulty can be remedied by placing a pail of water so that the bob will be submerged in it. A thin, light line or fine wire should be used for suspending the bob to decrease the wind resistance.—Miss Cleo Conley, Los Angeles, Calif.

Celluloid End Strips Keep Bolts of Cloth Tidy in Store

Dealers in bolts of cloth know the necessity of keeping the bolts tidy. A grimy appearance of the bolt ends can readily be prevented by pieces of white celluloid, cut a trifle shorter and narrower than the bolt boards and attached to the latter with bright-headed thumbtacks as indicated. The bolts are neatly stacked in piles, all at the same angle. It is easy to clean the celluloid ends with a moistened cloth.



Celluloid Endpieces on Bolts of Cloth Eliminate Grimy
Appearance



A Style That Never Grows Old

STYLES in houses come and go like styles in cars. You buy a car in the latest style and after you have driven it a little while, it's out of date because the makers have changed the body lines.

When building or buying a house, remember that style is an important factor in protecting your investment. It may be the determining factor in establishing good resale value for your house ten or

fifteen years hence.

a style as liquid in public approval as a Liberty bond at a bank. Colonial is such a style. Three reasons for its enduring popularity are these: First, in plan and construction colonial is the outgrowth of simple, honest housing

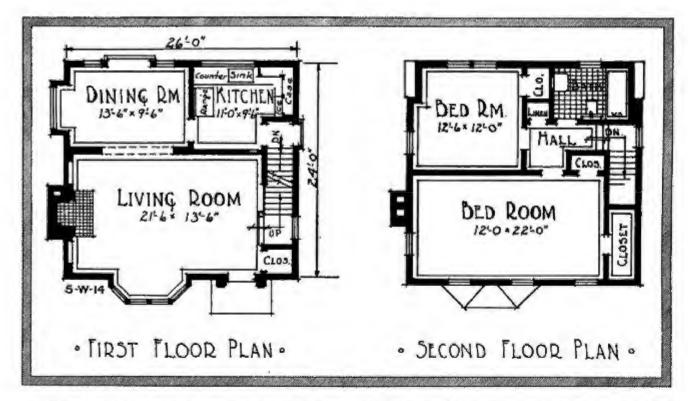
requirements of our forefathers—requirements which in many ways have not changed greatly since the days when Thomas Jefferson built Monticello and Washington lived at Mt. Vernon. Second, colonial is economical to build due to its simplicity in plan and freedom from overornamentation; third, it has good proportions.

The early colonial houses were for the most part built of wood, though brick

was also used. The house illustrated this month therefore follows tradition. It is patterned after Cape Cod colonial with slight variations here and there that give it the touch of smartness typical of modern tendencies.

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Shingle sidewalls were used extensively in pioneer days. They were called shakes and were hand-made. Modern machinemade shingles are not as crude as the early variety. Today, numerous shingle stains have added color to houses as well as a preservative for the shingles. There are three rules to remember when selecting wood shingles for your house: First, buy edge-grain shingles; second, lay them with rust-resisting nails; third, on the sidewalls of the house expose as much of the shingle as you can pay for.

There are two kinds of wood shingles. One is cut flatwise of a log like a board is cut. These are the less expensive shingles. Others are cut so the surface radiates toward the center of the tree. You will notice lines or ribs running lengthwise of the shingle. When these are used and well nailed, they lie flat and will not curl. The thick butts or ends cast shadows on the sidewall of a house and produce a texture much admired by architects. These shadows form horizontal or parallel lines and have a tendency to make a house appear lower and nearer the ground, melting into and out of the landscape, so to speak.

The colonial house above is a five-room affair planned for a forty-foot lot and a model house in many ways. If you want a third bedroom on the second floor, this may be had by slight rearrangement of

the large bedroom into two somewhat smaller sleeping rooms.

The house is of frame construction, fully insulated, has a full basement and attic space. Both roof and sidewalls are edge-grain red-cedar shingles.

The colonial doorway can be obtained from standard stocks made by various mills, or can be built up to order, and the same is true of other millwork in the house. Trim assembled from standard parts saves the cost of preparing new cutting knives for special orders, and therefore is much cheaper, as a rule.

Here you have a small house in a style that does not grow old and one that should make your dollars buy safe investment as long as the house stands. In round numbers, this is a \$6,000 house complete. Costs, however, will vary, depending upon where you build and the materials you use. The house would look well built of brick, either in skintled pattern or face-brick veneer. It would be difficult to plan a more roomy arrangement in so compact a floor area. Study the plan. It has many excellent qualities.

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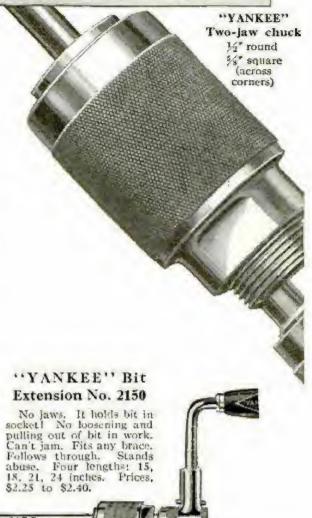
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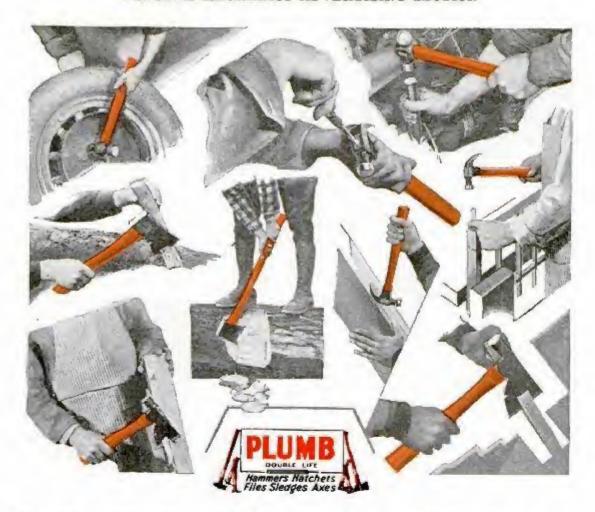
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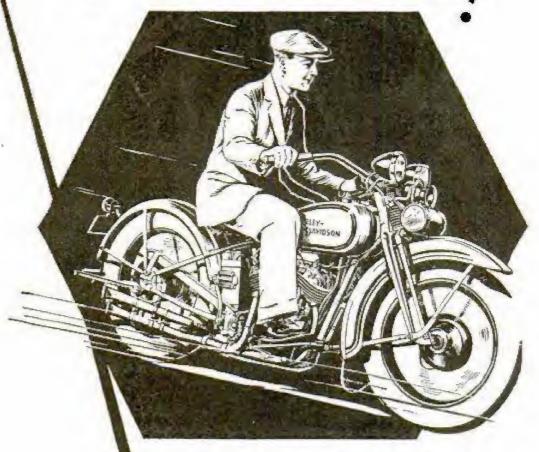
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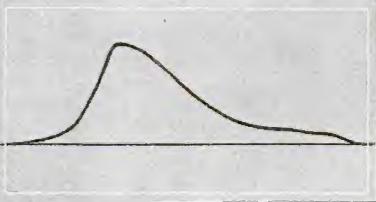
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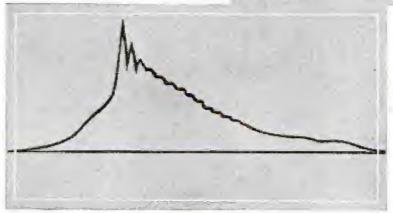
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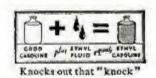
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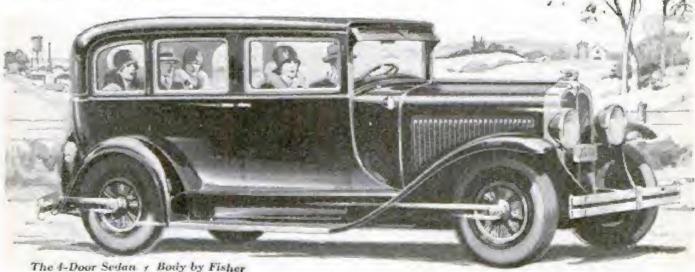
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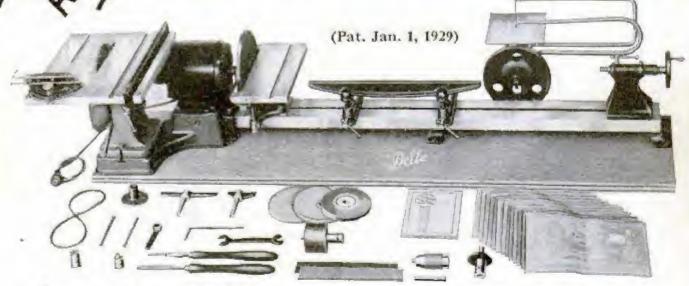
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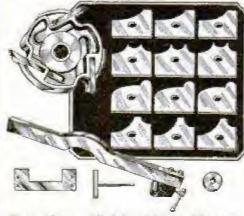
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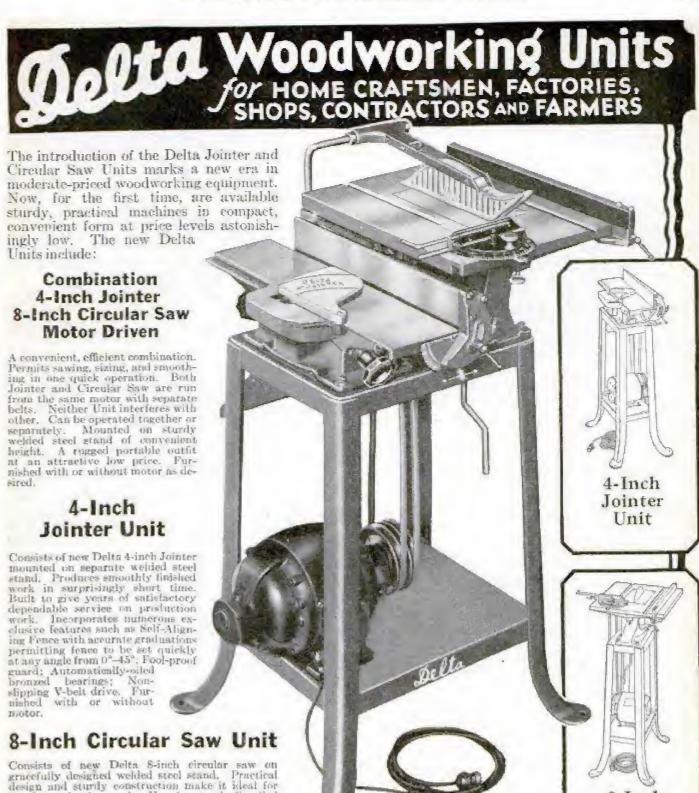
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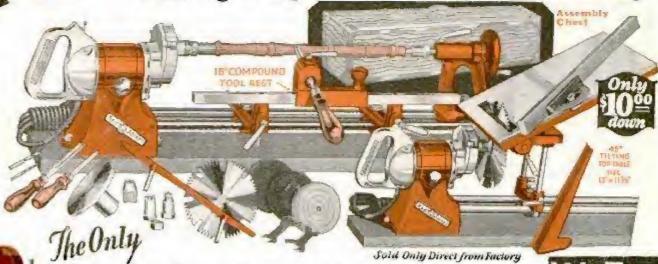
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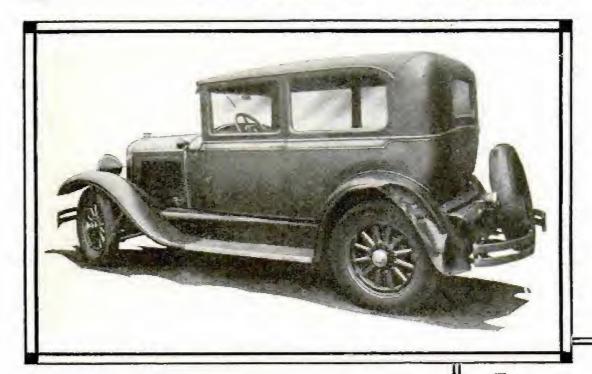


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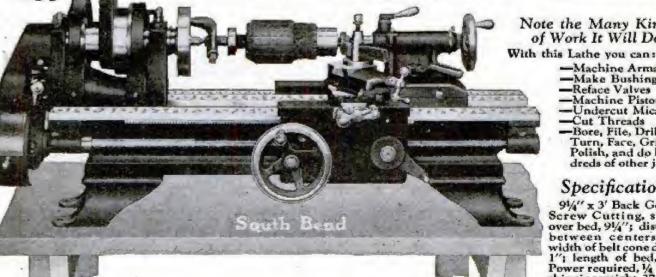
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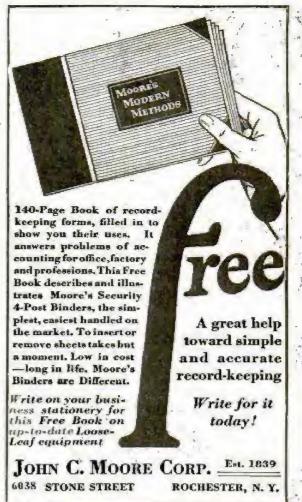
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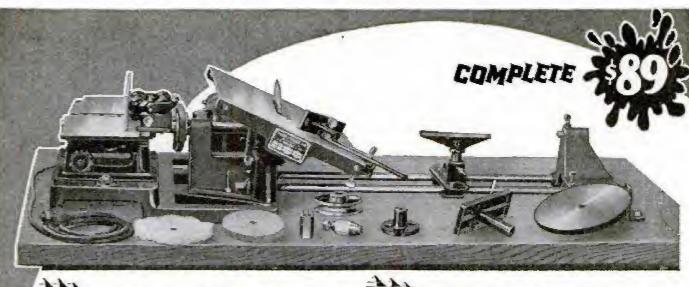


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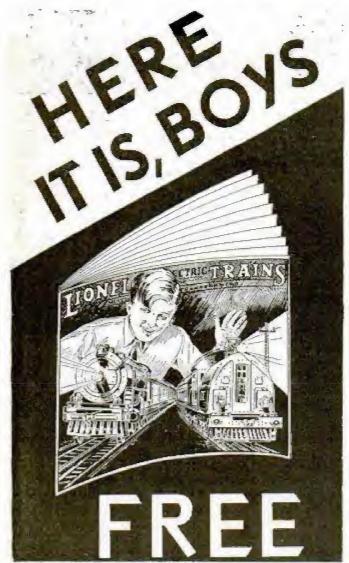
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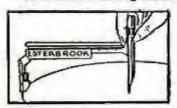
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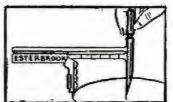
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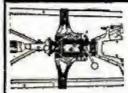
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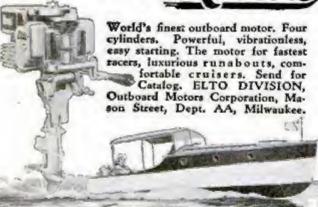
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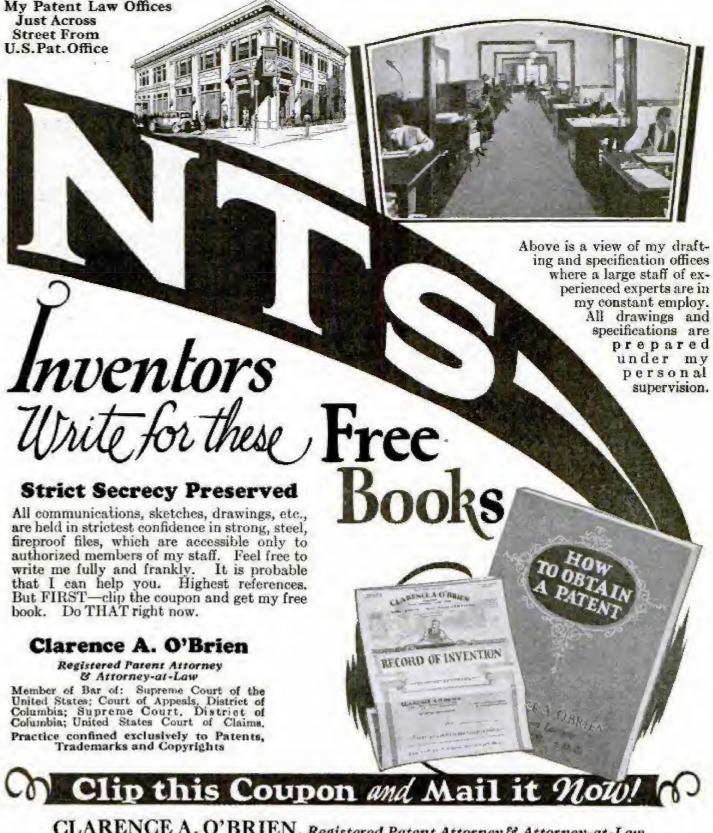
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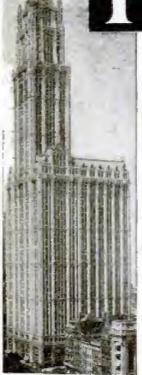
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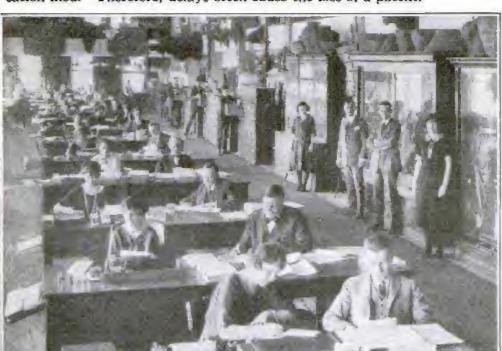
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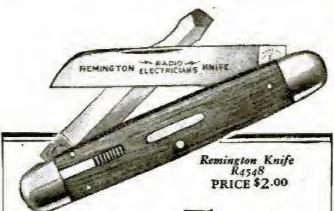
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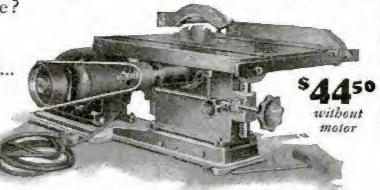
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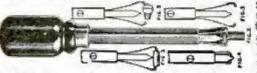
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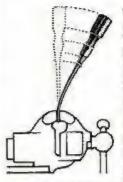
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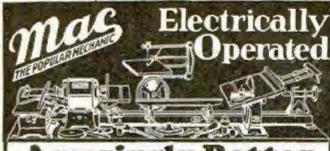
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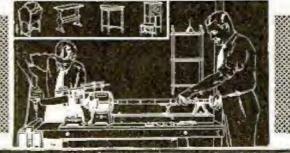
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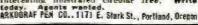
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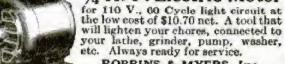
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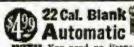
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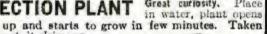
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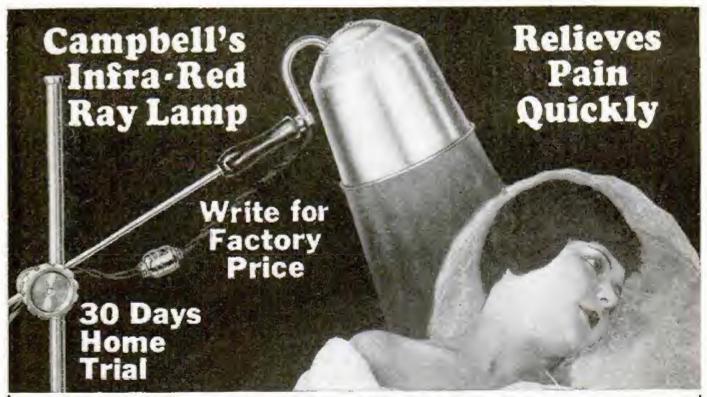


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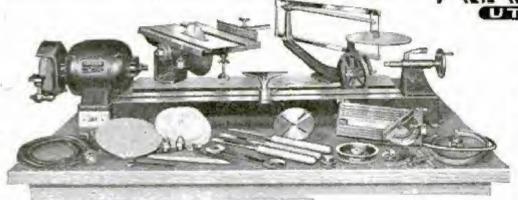
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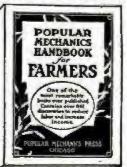
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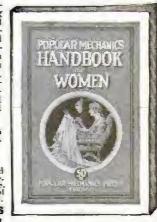
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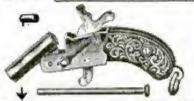
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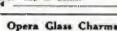
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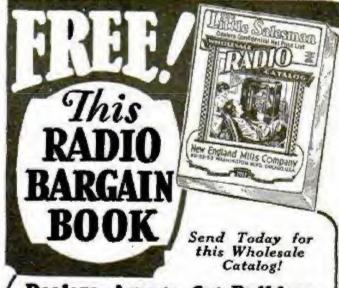
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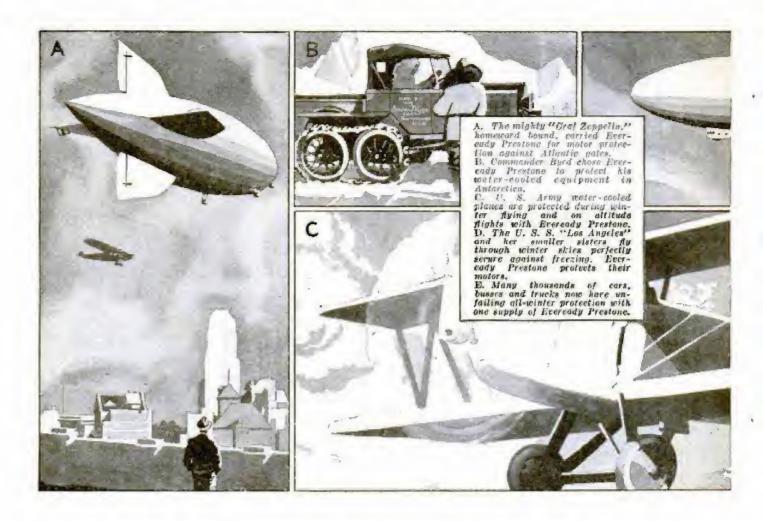
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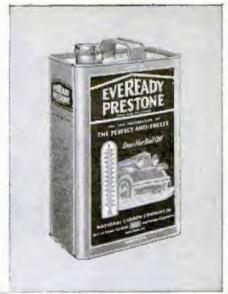
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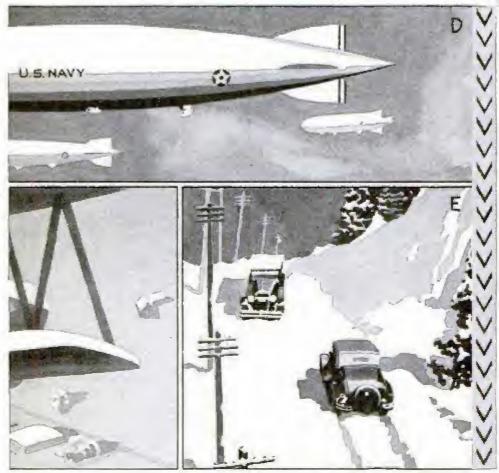
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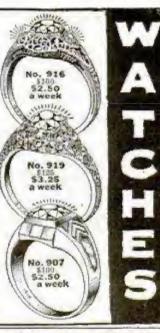
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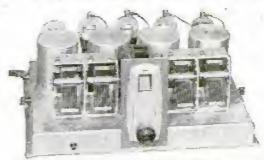
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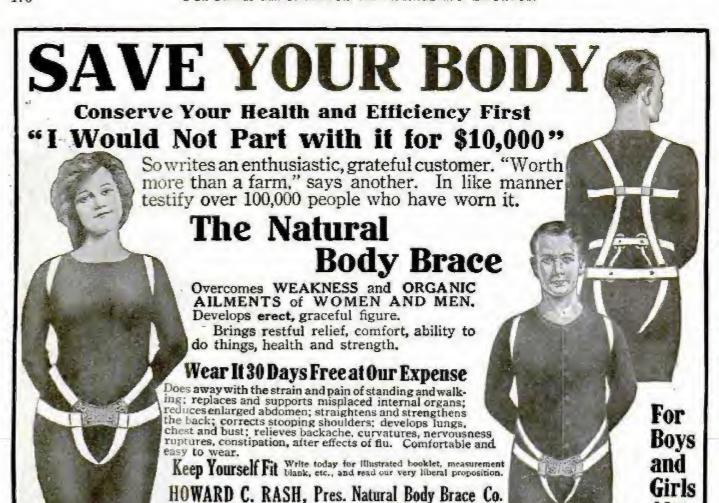
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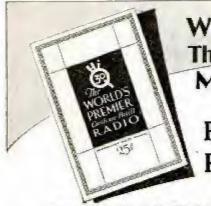
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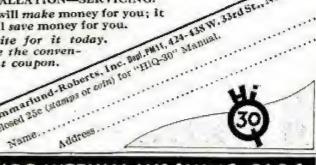
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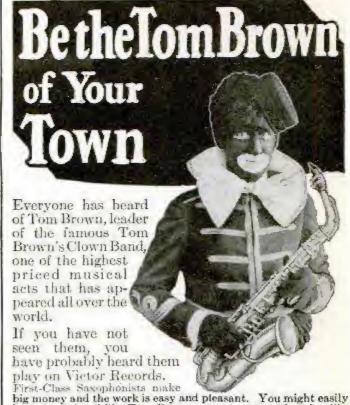
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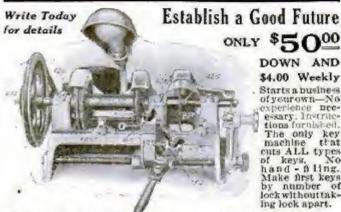


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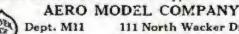
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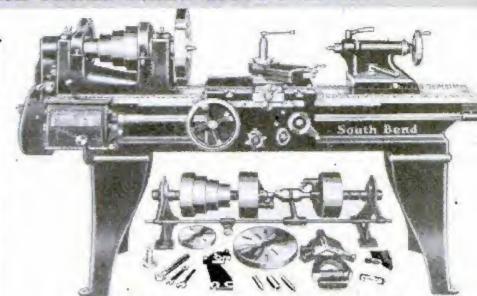
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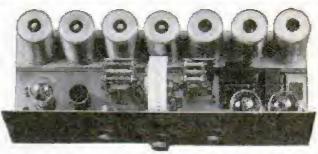
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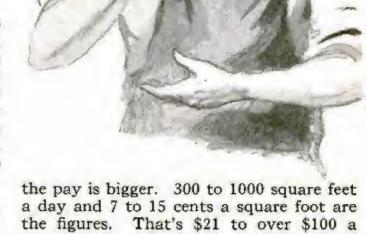
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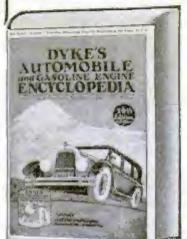
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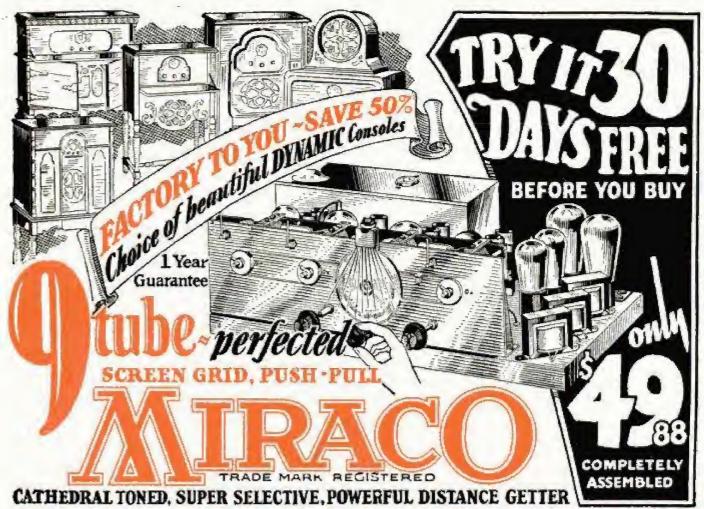
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